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Cherries are pegged back by Watford rally

CHERRIES twice surrendered a lead at Watford but Eddie Howe's team emerged with a huge deal of credit from a thrilling 2-2 draw in Hertfordshire.

At a Vicarage Road ground where Cherries hadn't won on their past six visits – a run extending back to March 1997 when Ian Cox's goal won the day – Callum Wilson and substitute Josh King both struck for Howe's side; this the first time Cherries have scored twice away from home in the Premier League in 12 outings.

But first Troy Deeney and then Isaac Success pegged back the visitors, so denying Cherries a first away win this season.

Watford had a sight of goal inside the opening minute. Deeney flicked on Valon Behrami's swipe forward, slipping in Odion Ighalo for a shot the striker dragged wide of Artur Boruc's left-hand post.

Ighalo's second effort of the game was more accurate than his first, needing a block from Adam Smith to prevent it calling Boruc into action. Steve Cook was then swiftly on the scene to thwart Deeney on the follow up.

Cherries first laid a glove on their opponents 13 minutes in. Wilson, chasing down the left, was upended by Sebastian Prodl, an offence for which the Watford defender went into the book. Junior Stanislas swung the resulting free kick towards the far post, forcing a stretching Heurelho Gomes to tip over.

For all the home team were operating at some lick, Cherries' compact, disciplined shape was largely keeping Walter Mazzarri's side at arm's length.All the while referee Mike Dean's rather officious approach was getting up the backs of both sets of players… and supporters. Certainly, yellow cards Dean handed to Jack Wilshere and Hornets attacker Roberto Pereyra were on the cheap side.

AFC Bournemouth's first goal scorer Callum Wilson (left)

Perhaps his reluctance to attract any further opprobrium onto himself was the reason for the official waving play on when Smith, making the latest of a series of adventurous raids down the right flank, was bundled over by Deeney.

No matter, Stanislas pounced on the loose ball to send in a cross begging to be diverted on target. Wilson obliged, darting to the front post to plant a firm header past Gomes.

Stanislas was soon busy in his own box, the winger assiduously tracking back to get his head in the way of Deeney's goalbound effort from Nordin Amrabat's lofted, pinpoint delivery Watford's next attack ended with the dangerous Amrabat having a go himself. Etienne Capoue and Ighalo linked to work play out to the right, where Amrabat lashed an effort that Boruc beat out to his left. The keeper then sprang to his feet to tip over the Watford man's follow up strike.

This wasn't a Cherries side prepared to be pinned back, however. The tireless Wilson latched onto Charlie Daniels' ball down the left, before gliding past successive challenges from Prodl and Behrami. As he ran into a throng of bodies in the box, the striker fed the onrushing Andrew Surman, who blazed over from 18 yards out.

An unmarked Prodl headed Holebas's free-kick wide shortly after the re-start. And the same pair soon combined again. Prodl glanced on Holebas's inswung right-wing corner, but a fully extended Deeney couldn't keep his diving header below Boruc's bar.

But when he was next presented with an opportunity, Deeney was more ruthless altogether. Behrami collected a throw on the right and slithered away from Daniels, before rolling the ball back into Deeney's path. The striker's first-time blast left Boruc with no chance.

Wilshere promptly shouldered responsibility for trying to re-establish his team's lead. Cherries' loan star was a picture of balance and grace as he glided between Deeney and Behrami, before stroking a measured effort that clipped the outside of the goal frame.

Then Howe executed a masterstroke. Cherries' boss sent on King, withdrawing Ibe and shifting Stanislas to the left. The new man instantly gathered possession on the right, drifting this way and that to evade Behrami, before unleashing a drive that took a heavy deflection off Younes Kaboul on the way to defeating Gomes.

Cherries joy, however, was short lived. And it was another substitute, Isaac Success, recently on for Ighalo, who squared matters. The forward was initially fouled by Smith on the left, enabling Holebas to clip in another dead ball. And when the Greek international delivered, Success raced onto the ball to glance it into the top right corner of goal.

Success would have scored again if he could have made firmer contact on a header he flicked off target from Amrabat's cross.

Boruc was still required to pouch another Success effort. But Cherries merited their point, at the very least.

League defends image rights deal

THE Premier League has insisted tax arrangements star players have in place regarding their image rights are "legitimate" after reports suggested a "secret deal" had been struck.

The Daily Mail alleges HM Revenue & Customs negotiated an agreement with Premier League clubs so that they could pay up to a fifth of their footballers' wages to image rights companies.

The deal - which is completely legal - allows footballers to reduce their income tax bills and clubs to decrease their National Insurance contributions.

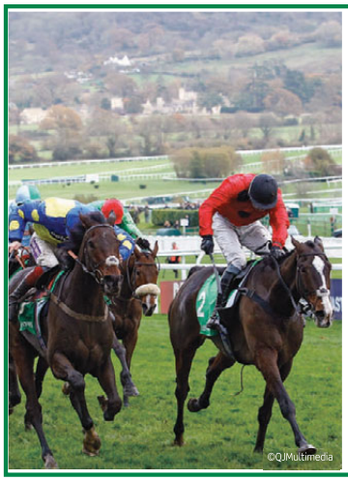
However, the Premier League has responded by saying the arrangement "has been in place for many years" and defended players' tax contributions.

A statement read: "The newspaper story regarding the legitimate tax arrangements players have in place concerning their image rights are neither a new development or newly reported.

"The Premier League worked with HMRC to agree how to tax the small proportion of their overall income attributable to image rights.

"Image rights as a source of income are established and recognised in the UK and around the world, a practice that has been in place for many years.

"The tax paid by Premier League players is both substantial and transparent. The latest available figures from the 2014-15 season show that £891m was paid directly by players as part of an overall contribution to the Exchequer of £2.4bn a year from Premier League activity."



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Liverpool turn up heat on Guidolin

LIVERPOOL increased the pressure on Swansea manager Francesco Guidolin after a late penalty from James Milner secured a 2-1 win at the Liberty Stadium to move them second in the Premier League table.

The Swans - winless since the opening day of the season and now out of the relegation zone only on goal difference - took the lead in the eighth minute when Leroy Fer scored from close range.

Roberto Firmino headed in an equaliser in the 54th minutes and with just six minutes left the Brazilian was fouled in the penalty area by Angel Rangel. Milner made no mistake from the spot.

Chelsea recovered from last week's defeat at Arsenal with a 2-0 win at Hull.

Willian curled in the Blues' first from the edge of the penalty area on the hour, with Diego Costa doubling the lead six minutes later as he clipped the ball into the top corner.

A brilliant individual goal from Dimitri Payet helped West Ham secure a 1-1 draw against Middlesbrough at the London Stadium.

West Ham hit the crossbar late in the first half through captain Mark Noble and Boro went in front after 50 minutes through Christian Stuani, whose header from a corner was ruled to have crossed the line by the goal decision system.

The Hammers were level five minutes later after a brilliant solo effort from Payet, who picked up the ball on the left and beat several Boro players before clipping in a low angled shot.

Sunderland moved off the bottom after a late goal from substitute Patrick van Aanholt earned a 1-1 draw at home against West Brom.

Nacer Chadli scored his third goal in four Premier League games for the Baggies in the 35th minute with a neat finish from Matt Phillips' defence-splitting pass.

However, with just seven minutes left, Van Aanholt's scuffed shot looped into the net to give David Moyes' men a point, which lifts them on goal difference above Stoke, who travel to Manchester United on Sunday.

PINK INK SAINTS

Saints out to

Simon Carter

LEICESTER's Premier League title win will go down as one of the most remarkable feats in modern sporting history.

Now the Foxes have the unenviable task of trying to ensure the 2015/16 campaign was no fabulous one-off fluke.

Last weekend's 4-1 thrashing at Old Trafford left Claudio Ranieri's men down in 11th place, with three defeats in their opening six games.

In comparison, Leicester only lost three league games in the whole of last season!

They were beaten home and away by Arsenal, and also lost 1-0 at Anfield just after Christmas.

Their loss at The Emirates - 2-1 to a last minute Danny Welbeck winner - was followed by an undefeated run of 12 games (eight wins, four draws) that ensured Leicester stunned the footballing world.

The Foxes have yet to pick up a point on their travels this season.

After a surprise 2-1 opening day loss at promoted Hull City, they were caned 4-1 at Anfield - ex Saints Sadio Mane and Adam Lallana among the scorers - before losing by the same score at Old Trafford last week.

They trailed 4-0 at half-time, when Ranieri withdrew crown jewels Jamie Vardy and Rihad Mahrez to keep them fresh for the Champions League game three days later.

At home, though, it's been a different story.

The champions followed up a 0-0 stalemate with Arsenal by beating Swansea 2-1 and Burnley 3-0.

As a result, they have stretched their undefeated league run at the King Power Stadium to 18 matches - 12 wins and six draws.

It's been over a year since they were last beaten in the league in front of their own fans - Alexis Sanchez hitting a hat-trick in the Gunners' 5-2 romp on September 26, 2015.

Since then, Kasper Schmeichel has only conceded nine goals in those 18 unbeaten games - keeping 11 clean sheets in the process (one of which was against Saints last April).

The only two teams to have scored more than once in a league at the King Power since Arsenal went nap are West Ham and West Brom (both in 2-2 draws).

Saints will tomorrow aim to end that impressive record, by collecting their second away league win under Claude Puel in eight days.

They are also chasing their sixth successive clean sheet - a feat they managed back in January and February of this year, a run which coincided with Fraser Forster's return to first team football.

While Vardy and Mahrez are obvious dangers, another man the Saints defence will have to watch is Islam Slimani.

Mahrez's Algerian international colleague became the Foxes' record signing when he arrived for a whopping £29m in August.

But one of the Saints defenders knows all about him - or should do.

That's because Cedric Soares

Leicester City's record signing Islam Slimani in action during his two-goal debut against Burnley. Inset above - talisman Jamie Vardy.

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Leicester City's Riyad Mahrez during a training session.

Leicester City manager Claudio Ranieri

played alongside Slimani for Sporting Lisbon prior to signing for Saints in the summer of 2015.

Slimani scored 12 goals in 24 Portuguese League games for Sporting in 2014/15, before blasting 27 last term.

Despite Sporting winning 27 of their 34 league games, and only losing twice, they still lost out on the league to Benfica, though.

Slimani became an instant hit at his new club when he scored twice on his league debut for the Foxes in the win against Burnley.

He followed that up with his sixth goal against Porto this year in Tuesday's Champions League win at the King Power Stadium.

With three goals, he is Leicester's joint top scorer so far - Vardy (24 league goals in 2015/16) and Mahrez (17 last term in the league) also have three in league and European action.

Vardy will this weekend no doubt go through his bizarre pre-match routine, that includes drinking port out of a Lucozade bottle, which helped him fire Leicester to their unlikely Premier League title success last season.

The 29-year-old striker enjoyed a breakout season as he scored 24 league goals and won his first England call-up to cap a stunning rise from non-League football.

That success was achieved on the back of an unconventional high-caffeine diet in the 24 hours before a match that Vardy says helped him to "run around like a nutjob".

In addition to drinking port on the night before a match, Vardy would also drink three cans of Red Bull and a double espresso before a match.

His only meal would be a cheese and ham omelette.

"I can't say why it started, because I genuinely don't know, but I decided to drink a glass of port on the eve of every game in the 2015-16 season," Vardy has written in his autobiography.

"I'm not normally superstitious but from the moment I scored against Sunderland on the opening day, I didn't want to change anything.

"I fill a small plastic water or Lucozade bottle to halfway and just sip the port while watching television. It tastes like Ribena to me, and it helps me switch off and get to sleep a bit easier the night before a game."

During Euro 2016, Vardy admitted that drinking Red Bull was a part of his training regime, as well as avoiding the gym, and his latest revelations have provided another insight into his unique match-day routine.

"While we're waiting and killing a bit of time, I have a double espresso," he said.

"We get into the dressing room and an hour-and-a-half before kick-off, and I'll have a third can of Red Bull. But with this one I'll sip it all the way until we go out for the warm-up, leaving a bit to finish off when I come back in.

"So three Red Bulls, a double espresso and a cheese and ham omelette is what makes me run around like a nutjob on match-day."

● While Leicester are unlikely to retain their Premier League crown, Ranieri and his squad will be keen to show they are no one-season wonders.

Until recently, the lowest any defending Premier League champion had finished 12 months later was Blackburn Rovers' seventh in 1995/96.

Manchester United equalled that in 2013/14 - with David Moyes in charge for most of the season that followed Sir Alex Ferguson's last Premier League title.

And Chelsea established a new low last term, when they could only finish 10th 12 months after Jose Mourinho had won his third PL crown at Stamford Bridge.

Ranieri will certainly be hoping to do better than Leeds United's dismal title defence, though.

Crowned the last First Division champions in 1991/92, Leeds slumped to 17th (out of 22 clubs) in the first season of the Premier League.

Ipswich Town followed up their amazing 1961/62 league title (just 12 months after winning the second division title) by finishing 17th. Twelve months after that, in 1963/64, they were relegated in bottom spot.

Top Stroke

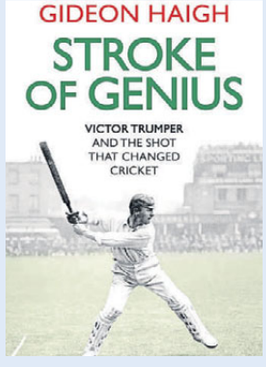
Stroke of Genius
Victor Trumper and the shot that changed the world
By Gideon Haigh

Sportsbookofthemonth.com price: £15.09, saving £3.90 on rrp

Early in Stroke of Genius, author Gideon Haigh tells readers that while his book contains biographical elements, "it is not a biography" of the great Australian batsman, Victor Trumper.

Instead, Haigh refers to it as "an iconography", a study of Trumper's place in cricketing history; his role as a catalyst in the game's development and of the unforgettable photograph, Jumping Out, featured on the front cover, which captures an attacking spirit that made him universally popular.

An extract from Cricket: The Great Ones, written by Neville Cardus in 1967, sums the attitude of many towards Trumper. Desperate for England to overhaul Australia in the Ashes, but still see Trumper play well,



a youthful Cardus prays before the game: "Please God, let Victor Trumper score a century against England tomorrow…out of an Australian all-out score of 124."

The 'shot that changed cricket', a photograph taken at Kennington Oval in 1905 by a self-taught photographer and keen cricketer, George Beldam, credited as being the first man to concentrate on 'action photography', was originally an image in Great Batsmen, authored by Beldam.

But Stroke of Genius is more than a history of a single photograph. Haigh manages to explore cricket's evolution, opera, Impressionism, Australian politics and the Edwardian obsession with class without lecturing readers.

Trumper's frequent strokes of genius could be said to have defined an era; his death in 1915 marked the beginning of another, significantly more oppressive one.

Ex-Saints boss named in newspaper investigation

FORMER Saints boss Harry Redknapp has today been named in the latest newspaper investigation into football.

Reports in the Daily Telegraph today allege that Redknapp claimed that players at a team he managed gambled on the result of one of their matches.

Betting on football by current professional players in England is prohibited by the FA, with a worldwide ban on doing so enforced since August 2014.

Redknapp, below, says he was unaware at the time that his players were betting on the outcome of the match and denies any wrongdoing.

The paper does not suggest that Redknapp knew the players were betting at the time of the match.

Redknapp managed Saints from 2004 to 2005 and has also managed West Ham, Portsmouth, Tottenham and Queens Park Rangers.

Undercover reporters filmed Redknapp without his knowledge as part of an investigation into British football.

The article does not identify the match or players in question, or the year in which the fixture occurred.

The newspaper claims Redknapp's team were odds against to win a match but secured a comfortable victory.

The report comes just a day after Saints assistant coach Eric Black found himself caught up in the newspaper investigation.

The former Aberdeen striker was captured on video at a New Forest hotel talking to an undercover reporter purporting to be a representative of a Far East firm looking to invest in English football.

The video appeared to show Mr Black and Mr McGarvey discussing managers and coaches in the lower leagues and how they could possibly be persuaded to identify players who could be signed up on management contracts.

Rusher's back to give Harlequins some cover

Graham Kemp.

WIDEMAN Reece Rusher has returned to his former club Bemerton Heath Harlequins on a dual-signing from parent club Salisbury.

The ex-Winchester City youngster – son of Andover legend Vinnie – will spend a month at Western Way to cover for absences. His arrival coincides with the departure of forward Jack Lovell who has stepped into the Southern One South & West with Wimborne Town.

"I am grateful to Steve (Claridge, Salisbury boss) for sorting it so quickly and hopefully it will suit everyone involved," said Harlequins boss Graham Kemp.

It's been quite a week for Bemerton, who have banged in 10 goals without reply.

On Tuesday night they flattened Fawley 7-0 in the Sydenhams Premier Division through Will Robinson (2), Jon Blake (2), Scott Joyce (2) and Connor Doe.

That came just three days after a 3-0 FA Vase second qualifying round success over Longwell Green Sports – Doe (2) and Blake doing the damage.

Monday's Vase draw pitted Heath at home to Plymouth Parkway of the South West Peninsula League in the first round proper on October 22.

Kemp said: "Plymouth play at the same level as us and we are unbeaten at home.

"My phone was red hot after the draw, so obviously we have drawn a good side."

Turnout fear vital in Stags boss' exit

By Wendy Gee

AFC TOTTON chairman Andy Straker said fear of stay-away fans was a major factor in the departure of manager Steve Hollick.

Straker took no pleasure in parting company with the highly likeable 39-year-old, whom he regards as a personal friend, *writes Wendy Gee*.

But he feared that if the situation was allowed to deteriorate it would take its toll on Testwood Stadium gates.

With hefty bills to pay, the second-to-bottom Stags dare not risk alienating their supporters or flirting with relegation back to the Sydenhams Wessex League.

"People think it's all hunky-dory since we cleared our main debt, but things are really tough here still. We still have overheads," stressed Straker.

"We've got a lovely stadium, but it brings in lovely bills. We have to keep people coming here.

"I didn't get any enjoyment out of the abuse I got from people who walked past me on their way out of the main stand on Tuesday and I'm concerned about the size of our crowds.

"If we win every week, more people do turn up."

Hollick parted company with the Stags on Thursday evening by mutual consent with the club still reeling from a 6-1 mauling by Wimborne Town some 48 hours earlier.

It was their second 6-1 home defeat of a depressing season which, prior to today's home game against Yate, had yielded just four points from nine outings.

Steve Hollick has paid the price for a miserable run of results.

"Steve was unhappy with some of the players; he didn't think they were playing for him," said Straker. "We were holding in there 1-1 at half-time against Wimborne, but we just fell apart. It could have been any score in the end.

"It's a real shame Steve's gone. I was really hoping it would work out. But in the end it was one of those horrible decisions that had to be made.

"This club has got everything apart from a bit of success on the field.

"Steve said he wanted to do the right thing for the club and he should be applauded for that. Steve loves this club and only wants what is best for it."

Former goalkeeping coach Hollick was appointed Stags' permanent manager in April last year having initially stepped in on a temporary basis following Steve Riley's departure.

There were high hopes going into last season, but the club fell away to 15th place in the Southern One South & West.

"I would like to thank Steve for all the hard work he has put in over the years, not just as manager but also goalkeeping coach before that," added Straker.

"I think of Steve as friend and the last few days have not been easy, but AFC Totton is a club that should be pushing for promotion, not languishing at the bottom of the league, so we had to make big decisions to take the club forward.

"I wish Steve all the best with what he does next. I know he will be a good manager if he decides to continue in that role."

Hollick's experienced assistant Andy Darnton has been placed in charge for the time being.

Anybody interested in applying for the job should contact Andy Straker at chairman@afctotton.com.

The Stags expect to make an appointment within the next couple of weeks at the latest.

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WOKING 3 EASTLEIGH 3

Wasteful Spitfires drop vital points

Wendy **Gee**

EASTLEIGH were left kicking themselves at Woking this afternoon as they let a 3-1 lead slip from their grasp to lose ground in the Vanarama National League promotion chase.

Seemingly comfortable at half-time with goals from Luke Coulson, Adam Dugdale and Joe Partington, Spitfires had to settle for a 3-3 draw as Garry Hill's Woking staged a dramatic second-half come-back

The Spitfires made two changes after Jake Howells and skipper Bryan Cresswell failed fitness tests.

Adam Dugdale stepped into central defence and there was a return from injury for midfielder Andy Drury.

Woking included ex-Eastleigh loanee Matt Tubbs, starting a month's loan from Forest Green.

Eastleigh's boss Ronnie Moore demanded his side start on the front foot and they did just that, forging ahead with just seven minutes gone.

Yet again it was on-song wide man Luke COULSON who did the damage with his fourth goal in three games.

Right-back Joe Partington, named captain in Cresswell's absence was the provider. He collected a short pass from Jai Reason, delivering an inch perfect cross straight to the glaringly unmarked Coulson who beat ex-Spitfires keeper Michael Poke from close range.

Partington's early dangerous deliveries were causing the Cards all manner of problems – the linesman's flag intervening when one reached James Constable's head and another very long to Coulson whose cross back in was marginally too high for Mikael Mandron. Eastleigh's dominance didn't last long however and it was ex-Portsmouth man Tubbs who brought Woking back on terms on 23 minutes.

Goalkeeper Ryan Clarke had just collected well under pressure from a free-kick awarded against Reda Johnson who stupidly argued his way to a booking.

But when another delivery came in from the right channel, this time from Dennon Lewis, TUBBS met it with a powerful header that crept over the line.

Joe Partington put Eastleigh 3-1 ahead

That could have knocked Eastleigh out of their stride, but instead they reclaimed the lead six minutes later.

Again Woking's defending left much to be desired as Partington's neat free-kick was played into the box by Mandron and defender DUGDALE nipped past his marker to bury his second goal for the club.

Constable had a shot deflected over and sent another effort scooting across the goal-face as the Spitfires fought to put clear daylight between the teams.

Again Woking rallied, but as the 45-minute mark approached Eastleigh got that breathing space when PARTINGTON found space at the near post to meet Reason's corner with a bullet header for 3-1.

Eastleigh forced a spate of free-kicks at the start of the second-half and then, after a patient 56th minute build-up, Drury chipped the ball out to Reason on the right and his low delivery was pounced on by Poke before Constable could get there.

But from a position of comfort for the visitors Partington gave away a needless free-kick by getting himself booked in the process. And as Sabio Sarvina swung the ball in, ex Basingstoke Town striker Delano SAM-YORKE stuck out a long leg to prod it past surprised keeper Clarke.

Suddenly, it was shades of the second-half against Sutton United last week as the Cards swarmed forward, all pace and energy.

There were sighs of relief from the visiting 180 visiting fans as Sam-Yorke's by-line cross-shot so nearly slipped under the bar, and with anxiety spreading through the Spitfires' defence, Clarke had to be on his guard to smother Charlie Carter's downward header on the line.

Coulson rolled a shot just wide from Constable's assist as Eastleigh rallied, but manager Ronnie Moore had seen enough and responded with a double substitution, taking off Reason and Constable and throwing on Adam Dawson and new strike signing Jamie Cureton for his Eastleigh debut.

With the heavens opening Cureton appealed in vain for a spot kick as he tried to get on the end of Johnson's header inside a slippery penalty area.

Then, on 78 minutes, a great Eastleigh build-up down the left ended with Mandron playing in Coulson whose goal-bound shot was palmed away one-handed by Poke.

Play then swept down the other end and a thrilling game took another dramatic turn as Woking pulled level 3-3 with nine minutes to play.

Again, Tubbs was involved, sending in a deep cross from the left which made its way over to Luke Kandi beyond the back post and the substitute jubilantly drilled it across into the far corner for the Woking's equaliser.

It could have gone either way in a frantic finale and there were nervous moments for Eastleigh as the 90th minute started – Sam-Yorke jostling the giant figure of Johnson off the ball before being denied one-on-one as Clarke dived bravely at his feet.

Battle of the former Saints bosses

CRYSTAL Palace boss Alan Pardew felt his side had been treated harshly by the match officials after the Eagles had a goal disallowed in debatable circumstances in their 1-1 draw at Everton.

Palace were left questioning the call from referee Jon Moss after his assistant's flag went up when Damien Delaney converted a second-half header from Joel Ward's cross, five minutes after Christian Benteke's equaliser for the visitors.

As Ward's delivery was made, Delaney appeared to be onside, with James Tomkins off but not really involved.

James McArthur, standing in front of goal, did appear offside as Delaney then headed it, but he did not touch the ball, and it was questionable whether his

position or movement put off goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg.

Confusion reigned as Moss went over to his assistant to discuss the incident for a number of seconds, before deciding the effort should not be allowed.

Pardew later said: "I think we can feel harsh done by."

But he added in his post-match press conference: "I think it is a tough one for the linesman. He has two decisions to make.

"Firstly, is Damo (Delaney) offside? And he did actually say to me that is what he thought the problem was, that Damo was offside. He wasn't.

"Then Macca (McArthur) has run across the line of the ball, in front of the goalie. But I think it's going in anyway, and I don't think Macca has done anything to the goalie there to put him off. So it is a tough one.

"I am just pleased with our performance. It was a really good push in the second half to turn around the deficit against a good Everton side.''

Chris Todd in training

FORMER Eastleigh boss Chris Todd has resurfaced in football this week.

The 35-year-old defender, sacked as manager of Eastleigh just four games into the season, is training with one of his former clubs, Torquay United.

Whilst there have been no discussions over the Welshman signing a deal to play for Eastleigh's National League rivals, it is believed he is keen to resume his playing career.

Based in Cullompton, Devon, Todd recently trained with League One Bristol Rovers.

Torquay boss Kevin Nicholson said: "Chris has asked to train with us and I am pleased to have him along.

"We haven't talked about anything more than just training at the moment, but at the very least he will

Chris Todd.

be a good influence on the lads."

Todd, part of the Torquay side that gained promotion to the Football League in 2009, said: "I obviously know Nicho very well and I asked him if I could come in and just keep on top of things and join in with training. It was good of him to say 'yes'.

"It's nice to get a good run out".

Prior to becoming coach, assistant and then manager of Eastleigh, defensive rock Todd helped transform the Spitfires on the pitch as part of their 2013/14 Conference South title-winning side.

Regarding his future, he added: "I'm just waiting for the next opportunity. I was as surprised as anyone to leave my job [with Eastleigh]. I believe I left that place in a good place."

Torquay are due to pay Eastleigh a league visit on Tuesday, October 25.

Fawley AFC sign up a second young Spitfire

Aaron Fry.

FAWLEY AFC have taken a second young Spitfire under their wing.

Having signed Richie Cooper on a dual-registration from Eastleigh, the Sydenhams Premier Division outfit have gone back for Spitfires scholar Charlie Daniel.

Oilers bosses Aaron Fry and Darren Sayer were keen to bolster the squad ahead of a busy autumn.

A Fawley statement said: "A special thank you is reserved to Eastleigh who have been brilliant with both transfers and we wish them every success this season.

"This season has featured a regeneration of young first-team talent, with the likes of Harrison Faye, Mitchell Hunt, Billy Coleman, Callum Chugg, Kieran Roche, Dylan Gain, James Ferrier, Peter Keating, Toby Cuss and Reece Macey having made telling contributions already.

"We look forward to seeing them progress.

"October features eight games, including two cup matches, so no doubt the youngsters will get their opportunity."

Both Cooper and Daniel featured in Tuesday's SPD test at Bemerton Heath Harlequins, but it proved a steep learning curve for the Waterside visitors as they were caned 7-0.

Will Robinson put Bemerton in front with a 24th-minute diving header and a Jon Blake brace made it 3-0 before Robinson struck again.

Four became five on 81 minutes when Connor Doe scored and the last two goals belonged to Scott Joyce - the second from the penalty spot.

Moore's sanguine as Flitney departs

By Wendy Gee

RONNIE Moore was disappointed but not surprised when goalkeeper Ross Flitney left Eastleigh by mutual consent this week.

The 32-year-old had been deposed as Spitfires No1 following the high-profile arrival of Ryan Clarke from League One outfit AFC Wimbledon.

In an ideal world, manager Moore would have wanted Flitney to stay and slug it out for a place.

But, in his heart of hearts, the former Tranmere, Rotherham and Hartlepool boss knew the experienced stopper would not want to see out his playing days warming the subs' bench.

Prior to being dropped for last Saturday's 2-1 win over Sutton United – in which Clarke played a blinder – Flitney had kept five clean sheets in seven games. He had let in just two goals in an unbeaten run stretching back to the 0-0 draw at Wrexham on August 20.

The ex-Barnet and Dover custodian had done nothing wrong, but Moore just felt that when the opportunity arose to sign Clarke - who is nearly two years Flitney's senior - it would have been remiss not to have taken it.

"It's tough on Ross. He'd kept something like 13 clean sheets in 17 games," he said.

"But it's not all about this moment.

"When a quality player like Ryan becomes available, you've got to grasp the opportunity.

"If I hadn't gone in for him, someone else would.

Ross Flitney and, inset, new Eastleigh keeper Ryan Clarke.

"I didn't want Ross to go, but if you've been No1 for quite a while, you want to stay No1. But Ryan didn't leave Wimbledon to be our No2 .

"People will say it's wrong on Ross, but football's football. It was wrong me getting the sack at Rotherham and Tranmere, but it happened."

Flitney joined the Spitfires, initially on loan, from Gillingham in October 2012 and will be forever revered as the goalkeeper that helped Eastleigh to the Conference South title and promotion to the National League.

One of his most memorable Spitfires performances came in January's 1-1 FA Cup third round draw with Bolton Wanderers at the Silverlake.

He pulled off save after magnificent save on a quagmire of a pitch to be named in the FA Cup third round XI.

An Eastleigh statement said: "We would like to thank Ross for all that he has achieved whilst at the club and wish him well in the next stage of his career."

Doswell proud of Silverlake success

By Wendy Gee

PAUL Doswell has long since passed the stage where a visit to Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium meant anything more than just another away trip.

As a resident of nearby Compton, it was a bonus for the Sutton boss to have a six-minute 'away' journey last Saturday as opposed to a six-hour slog to the other end of the country.

But as for being overcome with emotion as he stepped over the Stoneham Lane threshold into the club he helped build, the truth is he felt nothing more than a lingering sense of pride for what he and others had started well over a decade ago.

It was back in 2002 that Doswell joined Eastleigh as manager with a bold vision of taking a Wessex League 'sleeping giant' all the way up the non-League pyramid and into the Football League.

During six groundbreaking years with the Spitfires, he oversaw promotions through the Southern and Ryman leagues into the Conference South, raising the club's profile with such jaw-dropping signings as ex-Saints Matt Le Tissier, Francis Benali and Jason Dodd.

The construction of the main stand, officially opened by former Saints chairman Rupert Lowe before the start of the 2004/05 campaign, transformed the ground and, by the time Doswell departed to join Sutton in May 2008, Eastleigh had firmly established themselves as the area's 'second club' behind Saints.

The Spitfires, of course, have rocketed into a different stratosphere since chairman Stewart Donald arrived on the scene and began his multi-million pound transformation project in December 2011.

Eastleigh are now an established top-flight side brimming with Football League experience, attendances are booming, the ground is changing beyond recognition and Donald's dream of making it a true community club is coming to fruition.

But, for Doswell, there is still a sense of pride that it was he and others who recognised Eastleigh's immense potential.

Asked if returning to the Silverlake evoked any special feelings for him in the wake Sutton's unlucky 2-1 defeat last Saturday, Doswell said: "Not after all this time. It's just another game. But I'm very proud of what we achieved here.

"Without what we did, Stewart (Donald) would never have bought into the club.

"I take a lot of pride from what we started. Stewart has taken it on, proving that the system has worked.

"I always get a nice reception here and it's good to meet old friends.

"It would have been nicer still to have got something from the game."

Sutton manager Paul Doswell and coach Ian Baird on their return to Eastleigh last weekend. Below right - Doswell waves to Eastleigh fans. Left - Reda Johnson in aerial action.

The fact that Doswell & Co left empty-handed was down to one man – Eastleigh's new goalkeeping recruit Ryan Clarke.

Sutton were all over the Spitfires like a rash in the closing stages after two Luke Coulson goals early in the second half had put the home side on top.

But, barring one Ross Stearn shot that wriggled past him, debutant Clarke slammed the door shut on the visitors with one astonishing save after another – including a penalty stop from Bedsente Gomis.

"Ryan Clarke's just made four of the best saves you're ever going to see," marvelled Doswell.

"The first half was that bad that if you'd been watching it in the lounge, you'd have shut the curtains!

"But take a five-minute spell out of the second half and it was nearly all us. For the last half-hour we were absolutely brilliant.

"Eastleigh were hanging on for dear life at the end and I don't think we were too far away from getting what we deserved – which was a win, by the way, not a draw."

Bailey seals Poole move

POOLE Town have signed midfielder Kieran Bailey from Ryman One North side Soham Town Rangers.

Bailey joined Soham in August having left Colchester United at the end of last season.

Now 19, Bailey signed a U's development contract in July last year, having appeared for the club's under-21s towards the end of the 2014/15 season. He was previously on West Ham United's books.

He started on the bench against Welling United last Saturday, coming on for the last few minutes in the centre of midfield – and managing a booking on his debut.

Another Soham Town youngster, left-winger Darren Foxley, has reportedly been handed a trial by AFC Bournemouth. Foxley is a graduate of the Dagenham & Redbridge Academy.

Charlie Gunson

Yet another Soham player, Connor Wood, recently signed a deal with Premier League champions Leicester.

● CHARLIE Gunson has made a welcome return to Sydenhams Premier outfit Andover Town.

The England schoolboy international signed for National League South outfit Gosport Borough during the summer.

But the young midfielder, who came through the Southampton FC Second Chance Programme at Sparsholt College, recently returned to the Portway Stadium on a dual signing.

Gunson netted an early goal on Tuesday as Andover climbed to 14th with a 2-1 victory at Amesbury. Craig Wheeler equalised for the hosts before Luke Dempsey bagged a 71st-minute winner.

Terras boss dismissed

FORMER Eastleigh goalkeeper Jason Matthews was dismissed for the first time in his managerial career at rock-bottom Cinderford Town on Tuesday night.

The frustrated Weymouth boss was sent to the stand late on in a 2-2 draw at The Causeway.

Matthews felt his side "should have been 5-0 up at half-time" but, in the end, the Terras had to rely on a 76th-minute goal from defender Stephane Zubar to take a share of the Southern Premier points.

Matthews said: "Apparently I spoke to him in an aggressive manner and he sent me off.

"I was very surprised, I asked him for consistency and I felt he was very inconsistent. He was booking people for some fouls and then letting

Jason Matthews

people off for the same (type of) fouls. He had a poor night and got the key decisions wrong."

FORMER Eastleigh midfielder Craig Stanley has left Lincoln City by mutual consent.

Stanley parted company with the Spitfires at the end of their debut National League season after a public fall-out with then manager Richard Hill.

In full view of BT Sport cameras, he mouthed off at an unimpressed Hill after being substituted in the play-off semi-final, first leg at home to Grimsby.

It was to be his last appearance in an Eastleigh shirt.

Stanley, who had captained Aldershot prior to joining the Spitfires, joined Lincoln in June last year.

More recently, the 33-year-old has been on loan at Southport.

Brothers put on a Sho for milestone

By Wendy Gee

YOU just can't keep the Mason brothers out of the headlines at Sholing!

Even before a ball had been kicked, last Saturday's game against Newport IoW was guaranteed to be a memorable one for the St Mary's-based family with Barry due to be honoured for 500 club appearances.

But younger brother Dan made sure he got in on the act too, netting all three goals in the Boatmen's 3-0 Sydenhams Premier victory.

Appropriately enough it was Barry who teed up his sibling for his hat-trick.

Coming off the bench for his 501st Boatmen's game, he was felled in the area in the final minute, allowing Dan to complete his treble from the penalty spot.

It was the youngest Mason's second hat-trick for Sholing. His first came against Brockenhurst in September last year, since when the prolific marksman has bagged 11 braces.

Dan said: "The penalty was good play from Bazza, he spun him and got wiped out. I just took my opportunity.

"Barry with fresh legs is one of the worst things for defenders."

Before kick-off Barry was presented with a plaque honouring his 500 Sholing games by club director and vice-president Trevor Lewis.

"Baz", who turns 32 next month, began his career as a 17-year-old at Salisbury, then managed by Saints legend Nick Holmes.

He scored goals for fun for Eastleigh's under-21s, prompting them to put him on a two-year contract. But, with the Spitfires starting to spend big to move up the pyramid, his first-team breakthrough never came.

"The signing of Justin Bennett pushed me down the pecking order," Barry recalled. "So, after a chat with my cousin Marv McLean (who was already at Sholing, then VT), I opted to make the move.

"Ironically Bennett then suffered a bad injury, but I have never had any regrets moving to the Boatmen."

Along with middle brother Byron, Sholing's captain, Barry starred in the club's greatest ever season of 2013/14 when they famously lifted the FA Vase at Wembley and the Sydenhams Premier Division championship trophy.

Last Saturday was a special time too for under-18 goalkeeper Aaron Whitmarsh, who was called up to the senior squad as understudy to Ryan Gosney.

Director Trevor Lewis presents Barry Mason with an award to mark his 500th appearance. Below – Dan Mason celebrates a goal.

● SHARP-SHOOTING Dan Mason is a man on fire.

He added two more goals to his Sholing collection on Tuesday as the Boatmen hit back from 3-1 down to draw 3-3 with AFC Portchester in a Sydenhams Premier thriller.

Zac Mouland had got the ball rolling for the Boatmen with a lucky looping shot that bounced in via a deflection, but that was soon wiped out by Joe Bye, Jake Peppel and Miles Everett as Graham Rix's Royals took command.

Mason got his first from the penalty spot after Jake Hoole had been fouled with the hour mark approaching and he spectacularly equalised two minutes into stoppage time.

Marvin McLean picked up the ball in the centre circle and, with all 21 other players on the field in front of him, lofted a high ball towards frontman Mason.

He chested the ball down 20 yards out and unleashed a screaming volley into the top corner – his seventh goal in three matches.

Town's Tatnam ground lease is extended

POOLE Town have been granted permission to stay at their current stadium for another three years.

The Borough of Poole planning committee agreed to extend the lease at the Tatnam ground, which has been home to the Dolphins for 16 years.

Permission has also been granted for alterations to the ground which must meet the Football Association's B grade by March 31 next year following the Dolphins' promotion to the National League South.

The plans include refurbishing the tea room, toilet block, changing rooms and boardroom, as well as alterations to the floodlights and turnstile.

The South Stand will be moved 20 yards up the pitch to sit next to the main stand.

At a meeting on Thursday of last week, councillors were told the time limit on the lease was to enable the council to review "the largely unresolved parking issues" near the ground.

In July this year it was confirmed that talks over a return to the club's spiritual Poole Stadium home had broken down.

Dolphins vice-chairman Chris Reeves said the club "would endeavour to find a different site" but needed to ensure their current ground met all the FA's standards.

He also questioned the parking issues, stating that the club "seldom attracted around 500 spectators at a game."

Boss bewildered at low attendance

By Wendy Gee

SALISBURY pegged back a two-goal deficit to snatch a thrilling 3-2 victory over Didcot Town on Tuesday – but boss Steve Claridge was bewildered that more people didn't turn up to see it.

Not for the first time at the Ray Mac this season, the match was high on entertainment value, yet it was watched by the Whites' second lowest attendance of 2016/17, with just 496 filing through the turnstiles.

Despite climbing a level in the football pyramid to the Southern South & West, Salisbury's attendances are lower now than they were in the Sydenhams Premier Division last year when they waltzed to the title.

"I won't last a season at this rate," said Claridge, after his side's heart-stopping fightback.

"Every game here is just incredible, isn't it? But I cannot believe people, yet again, haven't turned up.

"What do you want to watch? Is this not the most exciting football you've ever seen at this football club? Every game is an absolute cliff-hanger.

"I have to say it's terrible for the heart. It must be fantastic to watch and yet people don't want to watch it.

"I'm really disappointed with that. Some 150 to 200 people have chosen not to come tonight.

"If you're a true fan would you choose Champions League football over this game?

"You wouldn't, would you? So I'm disappointed.

"We have got fantastic support but that's the one thing that has disappointed me.

"We've got some people who, if we lose a game, don't decide to watch us.

Steve Claridge.

"We thought we'd get 600-700 every week, and we got that last year.

"So how the average has gone down this year, serving up some of the football we serve up, I don't know."

Salisbury were left with a lot of work to do against Didcot as Sam Barder boosted the struggling Oxfordshire visitors with a brace inside the opening 34 minutes.

And had Diddy's Ben Whitehead tapped home from inside the six-yard box, it could have been an entirely different outcome.

Instead, Salisbury's on-loan Sutton striker Tommy Wright halved the deficit seven minutes before the interval.

Eddie Perrett, on as a second half substitute, slid in former Gosport hotshot Justin Bennett with a neat through ball and the striker levelled.

With six minutes remaining, Lewis Benson provided a low cross that was stabbed home by Bennett, who has been benched for the past five games.

The three points lifted the Whites to eighth, two points off the South & West play-off zone.

Killick hails young Sam

TOM Killick reckons Sam Surridge's dramatic late winner for Poole Town last Saturday will be "the first of many" from the on-loan AFC Bournemouth youngster.

The 18-year-old finished smartly in the first minute of stoppage-time to seal the Dolphins' 2-1 win over Welling United in the Vanarama National League South.

Ex-AFC Totton defender Jamie Whisken had earlier levelled for Poole after Dean Morgan had fired the Wings ahead from the penalty spot.

Killick smiled: "I was so pleased for Sam.

"He came off the bench and scored the winning goal and I think that will do him an awful lot of good.

"I saw him going through and the goalkeeper spread

Sam Surridge

himself well and it was a really clever finish.

"A lot of people would have side-footed it straight into the goalkeeper, but it was very accomplished the way he took it.

"I think it will be the first of many for him. He's got a lot of talent."

Killick, who disagreed with the decision to award Welling a penalty after Lewis Lindsay was deemed to have brought down Wings' skipper Danny Waldren, added: "It was one of our better performances in terms of attacking. We seemed to run out of steam a little bit at the end and they started coming into it but, on the balance of chances, we deserved to win."

It was newly-promoted Poole's sixth league win of the season, lifting them into the play-off zone in fifth spot.

Misery for AFC Totton

THE landslide 6-1 scoreline at the Testwood Stadium on Tuesday spelt abject misery for AFC Totton.

But for jubilant Wimborne Town it was their most emphatic win since clinching promotion to the Southern One South & West in 2010.

It was all square at half-time with Dan Munday pulling Totton level after Stefan Penny had cashed in on an error by former Magpies defender Patrick Wilson.

But, once Curtis Angell had found his own net, it was one-way traffic after the break as Toby Holmes taunted Totton with an impressively taken hat-trick and new signing Jack Lovell bagged his first Wimborne goal.

Magpies boss Matty Holmes, who took the reins at the start of the

Toby Holmes

season, couldn't have been happier, beaming: "I was absolutely delighted and thought the performance had everything."

Wimborne had lost 2-1 at home to Mangotsfield three days earlier when Holmes felt five or six of his players were "quite flat."

"We said we needed a reaction against Totton – and did we get one!" said Holmes. "Our quality on the ball was good, especially in the second half when they had to start chasing it.

"If the players work hard, show desire and attitude and give 100 per cent, I can take it on the chin if we don't win. But nine times out of 10, if you tick those boxes, you will play well and get positive results."

"Maybe I need to learn to chill out a little, but you always want to prepare the boys correctly."

Alton given replay date after cup 'shambles'

Michael Charles

ALTON'S controversial Sydenhams Wessex League Cup tie against Baffins Milton has been rearranged for October 18 at the Anstey Park Enclosure.

But ex-AFC Totton striker Michael Charles, the Brewers manager, says his first team won't be playing.

Charles is fuming that the Brewers, who won the original tie 3-2 after extra-time, are being made to replay it.

The fault, he says, lies with referee David Cotton who incorrectly took the game into an extra half-hour, contravening Sydenhams League rules that drawn ties must go straight to penalties.

"If we have to fulfil it, we will sign up Sunday League players and take the lads for a curry because we know we have already won," said Charles.

"We picked up injuries and suspensions that are still affecting us now, so we won't be running the risk for a game we don't feel should be happening."

Charles said both Alton and Baffins spoke to the assistant referee towards the end of the 90 minutes to try and confirm whether the tie would go to penalties.

They were told there would be extra time.

"Everyone was confused," he said. "We asked whether he (Cotton) was 100 per cent sure, but he told us to go away and that he knew what he was doing. It is so hard to take.

"There were three players sent off. The suspensions still stand, the fines still stand and the referee's payment still stands, so why doesn't the result?

"It's an absolute shambles."

Kitcher on board for the Boatmen

By Wendy Gee

HYTHE & Dibden have undergone another managerial change after an atrocious start to the Sydenhams One campaign.

Scott Johnston, who doubled up as co-team boss and club secretary, has left the Clayfields club after four years.

Coming in to join summer appointment Matt Froukhians is former AFC Totton youth boss Shawn Kitcher, who was running Totton & Eling's reserves.

Saturday's "embarrassing" 4-1 defeat at Weymouth Reserves was the last straw for club chairman Dave Cox, who knew something had to change.

But when he broached the management team about recruiting the experienced Kitcher as part of a three-man set-up, Johnston opted to move on.

"Scotty's a brilliant nipper, but when I spoke to him last Sunday about Shawn coming in and wanting to bring some players over with him, he didn't want to work with Shawn," he said.

"I'm gutted, but we had to do something. We were fourth-to-bottom and Weymouth was embarrassing.

"When you're on your way home and Robbie Parsons (vice-chairman) tells you that's the worst Hythe team he's seen for ten years, something has to change.

"I could accept it if it was April but this was September and, if players are not prepared to play for us now, we've got an issue.

"Shawn didn't want to come in as a gofer. We've already got a lot of young lads and he's bringing in more, but I'd sooner be down near the bottom with youngsters than players who won't commit to away games."

Matt Froukhians, left, and Scott Johnston.

After all the excitement of Hythe's move from their old Jones Lane home to Clayfields, Cox wanted results on the pitch to reflect the progress off it.

"That's another thing," he said. "I could accept us just plodding along at Jones Lane, but we've got this new facility now.

"We're moving on as a club but, since the summer, we've only really pulled in reserve players.

"There weren't many teams in Wessex One before so we didn't have to worry about relegation, but we do now.

"I don't want to slate Scotty, he's been great for us. The players let him down and, as manager, he took the brunt.

"I'd also like to thank Scott's dad Martin and his partner from Complete Security who have supported us totally these last four years."

Kitcher's first game at the helm with Froukhians was at high-riding Laverstock & Ford on Tuesday. It ended in a 2-0 defeat, but was a marked improvement on the Weymouth shambles.

"Shawn's an outgoing character who's been around the block. We've brought him in to boost things," said Cox.

Cox's wife Vanessa has taken over as club secretary.

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Boss Moore hails heroic stopper's display

Luke Coulson, left.

BUOYED by two deadly Luke Coulson strikes at the start of the second half, Eastleigh should have been coasting towards National League victory over Sutton United last Saturday.

But as the Us piled on the late pressure, new goalkeeper Ryan Clarke came into his own, miraculously flipping one goalbound effort onto the bar and then raising a strong arm to turn a bullet shot over.

He was eventually beaten by sub Ross Stearn's low strike – one he felt he should have saved, but quickly redeemed himself, diving to his right to deny Bedsente Gomis a penalty equaliser.

"What a tough game. We had to dig our heels in and we did," smiled ex-AFC Wimbledon man Clarke. "It's been a bit tough on and off the pitch for me, so to finish off with three points at the end of the week is perfect."

Ordinarily bright spark Coulson would have walked off with the man-of-the-match award, but even he had to bow to the big man's greatness, tweeting: "Buzzing to score two goals today and get another 3 points. And a big shout out to the MOM @ryanclarke01. What a debut."

Spitfires boss Ronnie Moore hailed it: "One of the best goalkeeping displays I have ever seen" and said that, but for Clarke's heroics, his unbeaten record since taking charge of Eastleigh would have been broken.

"But for the 'keeper we lose the game, no doubt about that," he said.

"He'll be disappointed with the one he let in, but the saves he made were fantastic."

Keeper Clarke has impressive debut

By Wendy Gee

EASTLEIGH found themselves a new hero last Saturday in the shape of wonder 'keeper Ryan Clarke.

After a slightly nervous start against Sutton United, the 34-year-old debutant came into his own in the second half, keeping the Us at bay with one of the greatest shows of defiance the Silverlake has ever seen.

It provided food for thought for those who, quite understandably, felt that deposed No1 Ross Flitney – who has subsequently left the club – was desperately unlucky to lose his place.

For many of the Spitfires faithful, Clarke will have been a new face at the Silverlake.

But those with slightly longer memories will remember him from the 2006/7 season when he was part of the Salisbury City side that forced Nottingham Forest to an FA Cup second round replay. After a 1-1 draw in Wiltshire – thanks to a Matt Tubbs goal – Salisbury only lost the replay 2-0 against the former European champions.

Whites' road to the City Ground included a 1-0 third qualifying round win at Eastleigh, acrobatically settled by, of all people, former Spitfires favourite Paul Sales.

Ironically it was Sutton boss Paul Doswell who was managing the Spitfires that day and, on that occasion too, he watched on as Clarke denied his side with some super saves.

Clarke, who went on to play 267 times for Oxford United, remembers those Salisbury days fondly.

The 6ft 1in stopper, who still lives in Oxford, recalled: "I played under Nick Holmes and Tommy Widdrington. They were two of the most enjoyable years of my career."

Until recently it looked as if Clarke would stay in the Football League but, after barely getting a look-in at Northampton last term, his summer move to AFC Wimbledon didn't work out.

He admitted: "I never wanted to drop out of the League – especially League One. But moving to Eastleigh was a no-brainer for me. It's a bit closer to home and hopefully I'm taking one step back to go two forward.

"I'm dropping down to ultimately get back into the Football League with Eastleigh."

The chance to play under former Tranmere, Rotherham and Hartlepool boss Ronnie Moore was a factor in enticing him to the Silverlake.

"I've played against Ronnie Moore's teams plenty of times and for the club to get a manager like Ronnie is a bit of a coup," he said. "The chairman (Stewart Donald) is doing all he can to get the club up."

New keeper Ryan Clarke.

NON LEAGUE FIXTURES

Sunday, October 2
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Hayes & Yeading v Dorchester.

Monday, October 3
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Division One: Totton & Eling v Hythe & Dibden.
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP
US Portsmouth v Fareham Town.

Tuesday, October 4
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot v Forest Green, Barrow v Macclesfield, Braintree v Boreham Wood, Bromley v Woking, Dover v Sutton, Eastleigh v Maidestone (*free entry), Guisley v York, North Ferriby v Chester, Solihull Moors v Southport (BT Sport), Torquay v Dagenham & Redbridge, Tranmere v Gateshead, Wrexham v Lincoln.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Southern League Challenge Cup, first round (local ties): AFC Totton v Winchester City, Fleet Town v Farnborough, Petersfield Town v Basingstoke, Salisbury v Dorchester, Weymouth v Wimborne.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Bashley v Whitchurch, Blackfield & Langley v Team Solent, Bournemouth Poppies v Brockenhurst, Hamworthy Utd v Lymington Town, Sholing v Portland.
Division One: Alton v AFC Stoneham, Fleet Spurs v Laverstock & Ford, Shaftesbury v Downton, Tadley Calleva v Andover NS.
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP
Moneyfields v US Portsmouth B.

Wednesday, October 5
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Amesbury, Verwood v Bemerton HH.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Division One: Christchurch v Hamble Club, East Cowes Vics v Folland Sports.

Saturday, October 8
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE
Tranmere v Wrexham (BT Sport, 12.15), Aldershot v Solihull Moors, Barrow v Maidstone, Braintree v York, Bromley v Lincoln, Chester v Torquay, Eastleigh v Dagenham & Redbridge, Gateshead v Dover, Guiseley v Southport, Macclesfield v Boreham Wood, North Ferriby v Forest Green, Sutton v Woking.
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Bath v Eastbourne, Bishops Stortford v Whitehawk, Chelmsford v Wealdstone, Concord v Hungerford, Hampton & Richmond v Poole, Margate v Hemel Hempstead, Oxford City v East Thurrock, St Albans v Gosport Borough, Truro v Dartford, Welling v Maidenhead, Weston-super-Mare v Ebbsfleet.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Banbury v Biggleswade, Basingstoke v St Neots, Chesham v Merthyr, Cinderford v Kings Langley, Dorchester v Leamington, Hitchin v Weymouth, Kettering v Chippenham, Kings Lynn v Cirencester, Redditch v Hayes & Yeading, Slough v Cambridge City, St Ives v Frome, Stratford v Dunstable.
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Preliminary round (local ties): Farnborough v Barnstaple Town, Fleet Town v Bideford, Salisbury v Hereford, Wimborne v AFC Totton, Winchester City v Petersfield.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Fawley, Amesbury v Cowes Sports, Brockenhurst v Blackfield & Langley, Hamworthy Utd v Fareham Town, Horndean v Verwood, Lymington Town v AFC Portchester, Newport IoW v Andover Town, Portland v Moneyfields, Sholing v Bashley, Team Solent v Whitchurch.
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Combination Division: Overton v Clanfield.

Caretakers

GARETH Southgate has taken on the senior England team for the next four matches. Here, the *Sports Pink* takes a look back at how previous caretaker managers have done:

JOE MERCER

Former Manchester City and Coventry boss Mercer took charge of England for a seven-match spell following the departure of Sir Alf Ramsey after the failure to qualify for the 1974 World Cup. Mercer guided England to success in the Home Nations Championship.

HOWARD WILKINSON

Wilkinson was in the role of technical director with the FA when he took charge of a friendly against France following the sacking of Glenn Hoddle in 1999.

England were beaten 2-0 by the world champions at Wembley. The veteran coach was again asked to step in during October 2000 after Kevin Keegan had resigned, this time for a World Cup qualifier against Finland in Helsinki, which ended 0-0.

Kevin Keegan

KEVIN KEEGAN

Keegan was appointed England caretaker in February 1999, while still in charge of Fulham, taking permanent charge in May that same year.

The ex-Saint resigned after the 1-0 defeat by Germany in the final match at the old Wembley in October 2000.

PETER TAYLOR

Taylor, previously a successful coach of the Under-21s, was appointed part-time caretaker manager at the end of October 2000.

Taylor's only match in charge was the friendly away to Italy, which a youthful England side captained by David Beckham lost 1-0 in Turin.

STUART PEARCE

Following the departure of Fabio Capello in February 2012, Pearce took charge for a 3-2 friendly defeat against Holland at Wembley.

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How Jamie missed

The amazing career of Eastleigh new boy Cureton

By Simon Carter

IT'S not often a new signing arrives at a club having played over 850 competitive games.

Or having scored 292 senior goals, for that matter.

But those were the career stats Jamie Cureton brought with him when he pitched up at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium.

Of those goals, 267 have been scored in the top four divisions - no player currently still turning out, even at non league level, can better that total.

Former Saint Rickie Lamber, with 214, is the nearest.

Having turned 41 in the summer, Cureton has long gone past even the 'twilight' stage of his incredible journey which started out at Norwich in the early 1990s.

Saints were among a clutch of clubs keen to sign the Bristolian when he was 14 years old - as were Manchester United.

But, in November 1990, he signed for Norwich City who, despite the player's age, were so keen to take him to Carrow Road they promised him a professional deal - a unique agreement indeed.

As a result, Cureton missed out being a part of the Class of 92 at Old Trafford - the youth team that included David Beckham, Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes, Nicky Butt and Gary Neville

"I was playing in Bristol locally, I'd been at Southampton and I was at Norwich," Cureton told a national newspaper earlier this year.

"I had a lot of teams chasing me, as you do as a young lad. I went up to Man United for a normal training session, got offered the chance to sign apprenticeship and pro forms, but signed for Norwich instead.

"It just happened that the youth team I would have joined was their best-ever group. They weren't the Class of 92 at that point, they were just youth team players like myself."

Ferguson even phoned Cureton's parents to find out why he was signing for Norwich.

"I went to United for a week in the holidays," said Cureton. "We played a game, then we all went out for dinner with Sir Alex. A few of the boys, who had been there years, stood up and sang. Ryan Giggs and David Beckham would have been there.

"I was only 14, but I suppose at that age you don't really know too much so you take it all in your stride.

"One thing I do remember is that he [Ferguson] rang my house.

"I suppose at 14 you don't really know. I was still at school, I was comfortable at Norwich and so decided to go with them.

"I'm a Man United fan, so I don't know where it came from, maybe I was nervous. Life could have been different one way or the other, I might not have been as good as the Class of 92 and not made it, or I might have been carried along with them and had the career they had."

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at Cureton's goal-den career which features two Football League Golden Boots.

1994/95

Cureton scored his first professional goal in December 1994, coming off the bench and netting in Norwich's 3-0 win over Chelsea.

After scoring 82 goals in 90 youth team games for the Norfolk club, he had made his first team debut the previous month.

He grabbed his second in a 1-1 draw with Manchester City before endearing himself to the Canaries faithful by hitting the target in a 3-0 derby win over arch

Main picture - Jamie Cureton celebrates scoring for Colchester at St Mary's in 2007. The three other pictures show him celebrating goals during his prolific time with Bristol Rovers.

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out on Class of 92

rivals Ipswich Town.

Cureton had brought attention to himself prior to the game by dying his hair green and yellow.

"Someone decided we all had to have skin heads," Cureton has recalled. "Darren Eadie, who was a bit of a pretty boy, wouldn't cut his hair, so he suggested spraying it green.

"It was only a can from a joke shop. But it got to the game and he wouldn't do it. Typical me - I said I'd do it instead.

"We sprayed it in the changing rooms, but didn't have enough time to dry it. I ran out, didn't think anything of it, but the whole place went crazy.

"I was sub so I was getting stick running up and down the touchline. Also, the green was coming off and running down my face because I was sweating.

"But I managed to come on and score, and everyone pointed at my hair and made a big thing of it."

Cureton scored his fourth and final Premier League goal in a 5-1 loss at Arsenal - another defeat as Norwich hurtled towards relegation.

1995/96

After a loan spell at AFC Bournemouth - featuring five games and no goals - Cureton netted twice for Norwich towards the end of the campaign.

1996/97

Cureton was considered surplus to requirements by Canaries boss Mike Walker and returned to his home city to sign for Bristol Rovers for £200,000 in the summer of 1996.

He scored twice on his home debut and ended the season with 11 League 1 goals in 38 appearances.

1997/98

Cureton scored 14 league and cup goals in 49 appearances for the Gas.

1998/99

Cureton blasted 26 goals and won the third tier Golden Boot as Rovers finished mid-table.

Amazingly, 18 of those strikes came in away matches - 14 of them in only five games!

First off, he struck four times in a 6-0 romp at Reading (all the goals coming in th second half).

Cureton then struck a hat-trick in a 3-3 draw at Walsall and added another treble in a 4-3 win at Macclesfield.

He also scored twice in a 4-1 victory at Stoke and grabbed another brace in a 2-1 success at Blackpool.

1999/2000

Cureton ended the League 1 season with 22 goals, the joint fourth highest total in the division.

There was another hat-trick on his travels, in a 5-0 win at Oxford United. ***Cont on page 16***

So long, Sam

SAM Allardyce's short-lived stint as England manager came to an end after just 67 days in the post – the shortest ever tenure for a permanent Three Lions manager.

Here, the *Sports Pink* assesses how Allardyce's fleeting reign compares with other England bosses.

SAM ALLARDYCE

(July-Sept 2016, one game)
Allardyce's tenure began with a smile in July but ended in humiliation in September after just 67 days.

He guided his country to a solitary 2018 World Cup qualifying win over Slovakia earlier that month. It is the shortest reign of any of England's 14 permanent managers.

STEVE McCLAREN

(August 2006 - November 2007, 18 games)
McClaren was appointed after the FA failed in its attempts to lure Luiz Felipe Scolari, but it would prove to be a poisoned chalice for the former Middlesbrough manager.

His failure to secure

Sam Allardyce

England a place at Euro 2008, the first time in 14 years they had not qualified for a major tournament, saw him sacked.

KEVIN KEEGAN

(February 1999 - October 2000, 18 games)
Keegan also lasted just 18 games and his spell ended in ignominious fashion after England fell to a 1-0 defeat against Germany in their final game at the old Wembley. Keegan has the lowest win-percentage of any permanent England boss at 38.9 per cent.

TERRY VENABLES

(January 1994 - June 1996, 24 games)
Venables announced five months before Euro 96 that he would be standing down due to off-the-field matters.

Despite a largely successful tournament for the Three Lions, where they reached the semi-finals on home soil, he still left his role after two and a half years.

Tasks ahead

GARETH Southgate has been placed in charge of England for their next four games after Sam Allardyce left by mutual content following just 67 days in the job.

Under-21 manager Southgate has previously insisted he was not ready for the role but now has to guide the team through another turbulent time.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at his first tasks in the role.

RESTORE ORDER

Allardyce's departure in such sorry circumstances leaves the Three Lions and FA in desperate need of a steady hand and calming words. Players will be confused and concerned over what has gone on so soon after Allardyce breezed into St George's Park in July.

Southgate needs to allay fears and take firm control of the squad to ensure events do not continue to spiral out of control. He is a personable and approachable man and likes to keep in touch with his Under-21 players so many of the senior squad should expect to get a calming call.

Wayne Rooney

HIS FUTURE

The former Aston Villa defender was linked with the role in the summer before Allardyce was appointed and spoke about the job earlier this month, saying: "I was very clear in my mind that there are other things I want to do first." It is unlikely his mind has changed in the last three weeks and Southgate has ambitions to return to club management to continue his education and development.

But could taking charge of four games, starting against Malta next month, give Southgate a taste for the job?

WAYNE ROONEY

Sam Allardyce kept the Manchester United man as his captain and started him in the 1-0 win in Slovakia, but Rooney's club form has failed to improve and he was benched for Saturday's 4-1 win over Leicester. *Cont on facing page*

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Cureton's had a

By Simon **Carter**

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Strike partner Jason Roberts also scored 22 league goals, but Rovers just missed out on the play-offs after a late season collapse.

In the summer of 2000, Roberts was sold to West Brom for £2m while Alan Pardew paid £250,000 to take Cureton to Reading.

2000/01

Cureton was an instant smash hit in Berkshire, hitting a career best 31 goals in all competitions.

There were two hat-tricks, one against Brentford in only his fifth league outing for the Royals, and another against Luton.

His final goal of the season came at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff in the third division play-off final, but there was no happy ending and Pardew's side lost 3-2 to Walsall.

2001/02

Cureton struck 16 times in 42 league games as Reading won automatic promotion from League 1, finishing runners-up to Brighton.

Top scorer for the Royals was 19-goal striker Nicky Forster.

2002/03

Cureton started the season with a glut of goals, hitting six in his first five league matches, but then managed only one in his next 20 outings.

Despite his drought, Reading still reached the Championship play-offs but a second successive promotion was ended bu Dave Jones' Wolves in the semi finals.

2003/04

Cureton signed for Korean club Busan Icons in the summer of 2003 - turning down an offer to go to America to play for DC Washington - but the move didn't work out and he returned to England in February 2004 to sign for Queens Park Rangers, scoring twice in 13 matches. The boss at QPR was Ian Holloway, who had first signed Cureton for Bristol Rovers eight years previously and who wanted to sign him the previous summer.

2004/05

A relative famine by Cureton's standards, just five goals in 33 Championship appearances - and three of those came in one game against Coventry.

2005/06

Signing for Swindon Town on a free, Cureton failed to score in his first 12 games for the Robins and was loaned out to fellow third outfit Colchester.

There, he netted seven times in his first seven games - kickstarting a run which was to lead the Essex club to promotion.

On returning to Swindon, he continued scoring - hitting seven in his first 11 games back.

Jamie Cureton in pre match training with Eastleigh before last weekend's home win over Sutton, where he stayed on the bench throughout.

2006/07

Cureton returned to Colchester on a free after being released by Swindon, and promptly won the Championship's Golden Boot.

He fired hat-tricks against Derby and Southend and also struck twice as Colchester won 2-1 at St Mar's.

Another goal had come at Layer Road earlier in the season when the Essex club had stunned George Burley's Sants 2-0.

Thanks to his goals, the Us finished 10th - only six points adrift of sixth placed Saints.

2007/08

Cureton returned to Norwich,

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goal-den career

Jamie Cureton in action for Exeter City against former club Bristol Rovers.

his first professional club, and celebrated with four goals in his first two games.

A brace against Barnet in the League Cup was followed by another double strike on his second Canaries league debut against Saints, who by now were sick of the sight of him.

Later in the season Colchester were given a first-hand view of what they had lost when Cureton bagged a treble against his former employers in a 5-1 Carrow Road romp.

2008/09

A meagre return of just four goals from 31 games as Norwich were relegated, alongside Saints, to the third tier.

Having failed to score in his first 15 Canaries outings, he was sent on loan to Barnsley where he failed to score in his first five appearances the them.

Returning to Carrow Road, he promptly netted in a 4-0 win ... against Barnsley.

2009/10

With Fraser Forster in goal for them, the Canaries won promotion from League 1 at the first attempt - but Cureton didn't play much of a role.

He scored twice in five league matches before falling out of favour. Joining League 2 club Shrewsbury on loan, he failed to net in 12 appearances.

2010/11

Another season, another new challenge - this time under ex-Saint Paul Tisdale at Exeter.

He rediscovered his touch in front of goal, scoring 17 times as the Devonians finished a point outside the League 1 play-offs. His goal haul was just two behind Saints' Rickie Lambert, and three ahead of Lambert's strike partner Lee Barnard.

2011/12

Turning down a new contract offer at Exeter to move to Leyton Orient for family reasons, Cureton only managed one League 1 goal in 19 appearances.

2012/13

Back at Exeter, who were now in the fourth tier, Cureton was again a smash hit - his 21 goals seeing him finish second in the divisional goal charts.

He scored braces in away wins at Aldershot, Oxford, Barnet, Gillingham and Morecambe.

2013/14

Cureton was on his travels again, signing for Cheltenham Town - where he notched 11 League 2 goals in 35 appearances.

2014/15

On the move again, this time returning to London to sign for Dagenham & Redbridge - the 13th English club of his career. Despite his advancing years, Cureton netted 19 times to again finish second in the League 2 goal charts - two adrift of Portsmouth's Matt Tubbs.

2015/16

Nine more goals in 45 appearances could not keep Dagenham up, but took Cureton's career Premier League/Football League tally to 267.

2016/17

For the first time in his prolific career, Cureton turned out in non league football. Signing for Fanborough, he made a big impact with eight goals in seven league and cup appearances.

Among his tally was a hat-trick in a 4-3 Southern League Division 1 derby win over Fleet.

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Southgate

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Marcus Rashford scored his fourth goal of the season in that game and forgotten man Jermain Defoe is the top-scoring Englishman in the Premier League with four strikes.

Rooney may be England captain but he is no longer an automatic selection for United and while Harry Kane's ankle injury may ensure he remains in Southgate's first squad, the caretaker manager has had one of England's biggest calls forced on him.

SELECT RASHFORD

The Manchester United striker scored a hat-trick on his Under-21 debut in their 6-1 win over Norway earlier this month and Southgate joked afterwards that he did not expect to have the 18-year-old in his set-up for long.

Southgate has always been against rushing Rashford but admitted his form gave Roy Hodgson little option but to take him to Euro 2016 in the summer.

Nathan Redmond,

Should the United forward, who has three senior caps and one goal, get the nod next month - and his form this season suggests he should - then he will have a fine mentor in Southgate.

STAMP HIS AUTHORITY

The ex-Middlesbrough manager is in charge for the next four games so he has the chance to shape the team heading into 2017.

Nathan Redmond has long been seen as the next player to step off the under-21 conveyor belt and into the senior squad and the in-form Saint man is someone Southgate knows well.

Saints team-mate Charlie Austin has five goals in seven games this season and Defoe's form contrasts Sunderland's struggles.

Saints midfielder James Ward-Prowse and Ruben Loftus-Cheek have also impressed under Southgate's leadership and could be given a senior chance.

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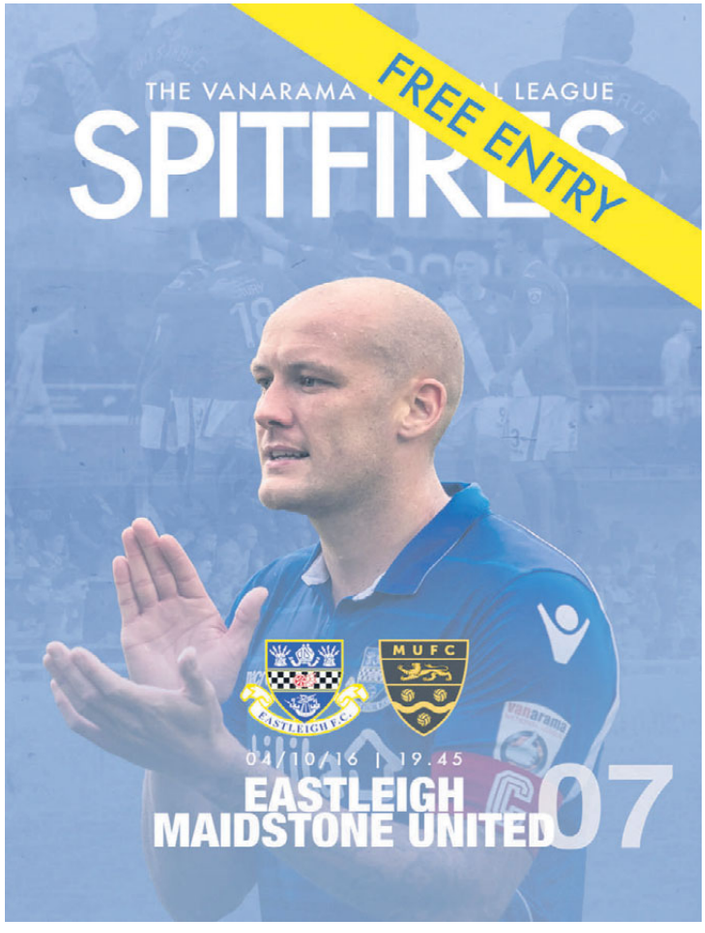

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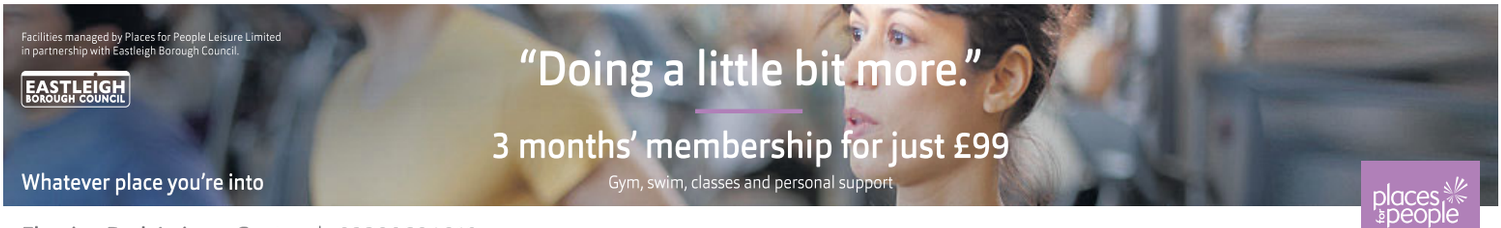

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Wenger boys

Arsene Wenger will celebrate 20 years as Arsenal manager on October 1 and during that time he has introduced some fine players to fans at Highbury and the Emirates Stadium.

Here, the Sports Pink picks its best XI of players brought to Arsenal by Wenger.

JENS LEHMANN

Going unbeaten in the league in his first season, 2003-04, was a fine start to Lehmann's Arsenal career. He would go on to win the 2005 FA Cup but was sent off in the 2006 Champions League final as Arsenal lost to Barcelona.

LAUREN

Signed from Mallorca in 2000 for a fee in excess of £7million, the Cameroon international soon established himself as Wenger's premier right-back. A regular in the 2001-02 double season and played a big part in Arsenal's 'Invincibles' campaign.

SOL CAMPBELL

The signing of Campbell

Arsene Wenger.

on a free transfer from Tottenham remains one of the most controversial moves in the history of the Premier League.

The England international surprised the footballing fraternity with the move but his decision would be vindicated as he was a pivotal part of the Invincibles' unbeaten defence.

LAURENT KOSCIELNY

The 31-year-old joined as a virtually unknown in 2010 but he would soon establish himself as an important member of Wenger's defence.

Was labelled as one of the world's best defenders by Wenger ahead of a recent Champions League tie at Paris St Germain.

ASHLEY COLE

Not strictly a Wenger signing but Cole deserves his place in this side having been given his chance to shine by the Frenchman. Came through the ranks and was given his first-team debut at the age of 18. Cont on facing page.

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The only surprise

By Simon **Carter**

Eric Black, third right, with Saints boss Claude Puel and fellow coaches.

Brian Clough and, top, former Tottenham chairman Sir Alan Sugar.

THE only surprise with regards to the Daily Telegraph's 'corruption in football' exposes is that anyone would be surprised at some of the revelations.

After all, backhanders, bungs, irregular payments - call them what you will - are hardly new to the supposedly 'beautiful game'.

Way back in 1884, Preston North End played an FA Cup tie in London against Upton Park FC (who didn't play at West Ham's Upton Park).

The Londoners complained to the FA that Preston was a professional rather than an amateur team.

Major William Sudell, the secretary/manager of Preston, confessed his players were being paid but argued that this was common practice and did not breach regulations.

However, the FA disagreed and expelled them from the competition.

Ten years later, Sudell was sent to prison for embezzling £5,000 from his employers - he was using this money to fund illegal payments to his players.

Then there was the tale of Henry Norris and the Arsenal team bus.

In 1927, the Daily Mail reported that Norris had made under-the-counter payments to Sunderland's Charlie Buchan as an incentive for him to join the Gunners two years earlier.

The FA began an investigation of Norris and discovered that he had used Arsenal's expense accounts for personal use, and had obtained the proceeds of £125 from the sale of the team bus.

Norris sued the newspaper and the FA for libel, but in February 1929 lost his case and the FA banned him from football for life.

From William Sudell to Henry Norris, to Sam Allardyce and Tommy Wright and Saints assistant manager Eric Black.

In between, so many other controversies, so many other names.

Brian Clough, one of the game's legendary managers, was accused by Sir Alan Sugar back in the 1990s of 'liking a bung'.

From 1987-93, Clough was involved in 58 transfers at Nottingham Forest, worth £19.5 million, from which he received £1 million.

He had a company, Sting Ltd, and later paid back £600,000 to the Inland Revenue in unpaid taxes.

Back in the summer of 1994, Tottenham were found guilty by a five-man commission - which included former Saints director and FA Chairman Keith Wiseman - after being charged regarding breaches of transfer regulations.

The main charge centred on Tottenham's purchase of three players, Mitchell Thomas, Chris Fairclough and Paul Allen.

Spurs allegedly made a 'loan' - which it was never the intention the players should repay - to Thomas and Fairclough and an ex-gratia payment to Allen, prior to their fees being fixed by the tribunals but without the tribunals' knowledge.

Remarkably, Tottenham were hit with a 12-point deduction for the 1994/95 Premier League season, a £600,000 fine and were disqualified from the 1994/95 FA Cup.

In the wake of the FA's savage punishment, then Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar alleged that 70 per cent - 15 - of the Premiership's 22 clubs were involved in improper payments.

Tottenham's fine was later increased to £1.5 million, but the points deduction and FA Cup ban were eventually revoked.

Then there was the case of ex-Saints defender and coach Kevin Bond.

Back in September 2006, he was sacked as Newcastle's assistant manager after a BBC Panorama programme secretly recorded him saying he would consider re-

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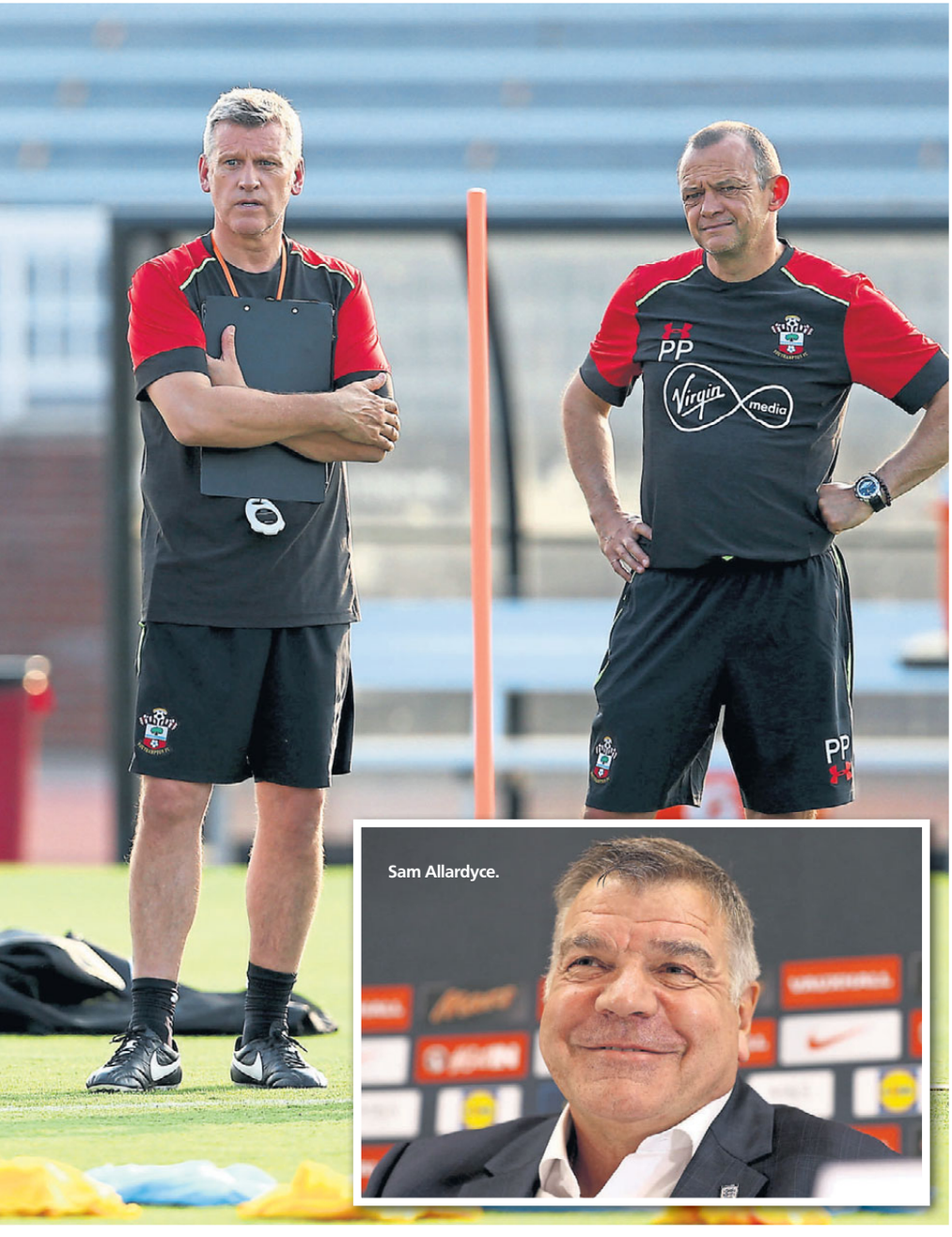

Sam Allardyce.

ceiving payments from an agent.

Bond, currently coaching at Aston Villa, said at the time: "I am extremely disappointed Newcastle have terminated my contract without any proper investigation into the allegations."

We have to wait and see if Saints assistant manager Eric Black will keep his job or not after being named by the Telegraph on Thursday night.

One thing is certain: if Black is guilty of anything, he is guilty of letting his guard down.

Sam Allardyce paid the ultimate price for his conversations with undercover newspaper reporters when he lost his job as England manager.

Former FA chief Greg Dyke said whoever holds the role of national team boss needs to be 'whiter than white'.

And Allardyce, by the sheer fact of deciding to meet 'Far East businessmen' so early in his tenure as England boss, dirtied his reputation - with inevitable conclusions.

The same applies to Black, and others caught up in the Telegraph's high profile 'stings'.

Though no doubt doing a long-standing friend (agent Scott McGarvey) a favour by agreeing to meet what turned out to be Telegraph reporters in a New Forest hotel, Black was foolish to go along with it.

Ok, the benefit of hindsight is a wonderful thing - and obviously he had no way of knowing both himself and his mate were being set up.

But he is a well paid employee of a Premier League football club - assistant manager, no less.

That is a big title, and it carries a big responsibility to be, like Allardyce, 'whiter than white'.

Black had no idea who he and McGarvey were meeting. Whether you think what he said was outrageous or not, bearing in mind he is a well known Premier League club employee, the fact remains he was loose in his talk in the company of a total stranger.

It's hard to believe, in this day and age, so many 'celebrities' are caught out in this way.

These sort of 'stings' have been common practice in national newspapers for years.

Who can forget The Sun's 'Fake Shiekh' Mazher Mahmood, who often posed as a sheikh in the course of his undercover investigations?

These all made national news.

Only a few weeks ago, the MP Keith Vaz was 'set up' by the Sunday Mirror - and the subsequent juicy headlines regarding male escort sex allegations led to him resigning as chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee.

Politicians, like the England football manager, must be 'whiter than white' in some of the general public's eye - or they will suffer the consequences.

Do they all live in a 'bubble' where they think they're invincible?

Ironically, Black's appearance in the Telegraph came just hours after his club's chairman, Ralph Krueger, had spoken out about the newspaper's 'corruption' stories.

The timing could not have been worse for Black, or for Krueger for that matter.

Krueger can surely not have known his assistant manager was among the next to be 'named and shamed' when he gave his interview in Canada on Wednesday.

Krueger insisted his club were a shining example of how things should be done.

"We are all for regulation, and we are one of the most disciplined clubs in English football in terms of the way we deal with agents and youth academy players," he said.

"Staying within the rules is something we really ... everything we do is based on that.

"We will react, for sure. It's going to become a major thing for me when I get back. Absolutely top of the agenda."

That cannot be great news for Black, who may regret letting his guard slip among strangers.

Wenger boys

from facing page

Cole went on to become one of the best left-backs in the world.

Two Premier League titles, including the unbeaten season of 2003-04, and three FA Cups would be his reward before an acrimonious move to rivals Chelsea would tarnish his Arsenal legacy.

CESC FABREGAS

Signed as a 16-year-old from Barcelona's fabled academy in 2003, Fabregas was soon playing first-team football with Arsenal and remains their youngest-ever player and youngest-ever goalscorer.

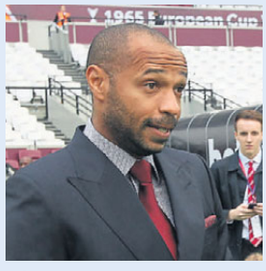
PATRICK VIEIRA

Vieira technically joined the club in the closing days of Bruce Rioch's time in charge and before Wenger took over.

But Vieira admitted it was Wenger's impending arrival which saw him join a club he would go on to captain.

FREDDIE LJUNGBERG

The Swedish international scored 71 goals in his 313


Thierry Henry

Arsenal appearances, earning him the 11th spot in arsenal.com's 'Gunners' Greatest 50 Players' list.

ALEXIS SANCHEZ

The Chile forward just pips Arsenal's club-record signing Mesut Ozil to a spot in the front three of Wenger's greatest signings.

Brought in from Barcelona in 2014, he has become a very popular figure among the home fans at the Emirates.

THIERRY HENRY

Arsenal's all-time leading goalscorer, having notched 228 goals across two spells with the club.

Was the Premier League's top goalscorer in four different seasons, winning seven honours with the Gunners.

ROBERT PIRES

Having played his part in France's World Cup and European Championship successes of 1998 and 2000, Pires arrived at Arsenal with a winner's pedigree.

Scored 84 goals in six years under Wenger.

Wise words

Arsene Wenger will celebrate 20 years as manager at Arsenal on October 1.

Here, the *Sports Pink* takes a look back at some of the Frenchman's memorable quotes over those two decades.

"Your only interest is the next game, our drug is the next game, the hope for the next game, the desire to win the next one. You go step by step and finally when you look back it's a long time. I must say for such a long time the club has always supported me and I feel already that I'm privileged in that, because that's not always usual in our game." – ***Wenger on his time in charge of Arsenal, which has now spanned more than 1,000 matches.***

"I changed a few habits (of the players), which isn't easy in a team where the average age is 30 years. At the first match the players were chanting 'we want our Mars bars'. Then, at half-time I asked my physio Gary Lewin: 'Nobody is talking, what's wrong with them?' and he replied: 'They are hungry'. I hadn't given them their chocolate before the game. It was funny." – ***Wenger on implementing a new regime after his arrival at Highbury.***

Arsene Wenger.

"I cannot classify the moments of happiness and of sadness, but every defeat is a scar in your heart that you never forget." – ***Wenger on why he remains a bad loser.***

"There is no priority other than being at the top level in football. When you look back, you'll see that Arsenal has been consistently at the top level of European football. You will find we have been consistently in the top three or four in England, some years we won (the league) and some years we didn't win. Maybe one day people will realise that it's not so easy to stay at the top." – ***Wenger on success being relative.***

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Top quotes

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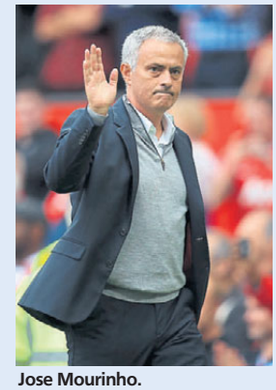
"Everyone thinks they have the prettiest wife at home." - ***Wenger in response to Sir Alex Ferguson's criticism over the way Arsenal went about winning the double in 2002.***

"He's out of order, disconnected with reality and disrespectful. When you give success to stupid people, it makes them more stupid sometimes and not more intelligent." ***Wenger's response to being called a voyeur by Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho in 2005.***

"This guy should never play again. The answer is 'he is usually not that type of guy'. It's like a guy who kills one time in his life - it's enough, you have a dead person. It is absolutely horrendous. If you watch the tackle again you can't say to me this guy has played the ball. It's a joke. Not acceptable. It goes along with the idea that to stop Arsenal you have to kick Arsenal and we knew that thing would



Jose Mourinho.

happen one day." - ***Wenger on the tackle from Birmingham defender Martin Taylor which broke Eduardo's leg in 2008.***

"I am in a position where people reproach me for making a profit. The people who lose money - nobody says a word. Reproach the people who lose money. I do business by managing in a safe way and a healthy way, and on top of that you reproach me for making money. It looks like we are in a business where the desired quality is to lose money." - ***Wenger on the criticism of Arsenal's careful financial management.***

"We do not buy superstars. We make them." - ***Wenger on his player development and recruitment policy.***

"I am not scared to spend money. If you go out with me one night, you will understand that." - ***Wenger on being coy in the transfer market.***

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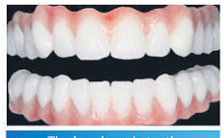

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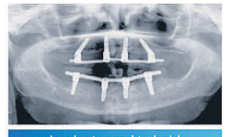

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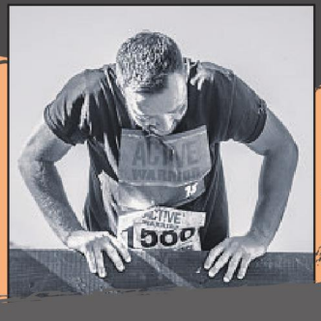

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All change in 20 years

Plenty has changed in the world of sport and entertainment since Arsene Wenger was appointed Arsenal manager 20 years ago.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the world two decades ago compared with that of today as the Frenchman reaches the historic landmark of his tenure on October 1.

EXPENSIVE PLAYER

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Now: Paul Pogba – £89million Juventus to Manchester United

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Then: The Quest – starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Roger Moore

Now: Bridget Jones's Baby – starring Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth

Cureton: 'I was a cocky kid, fairly arrogant'

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He will be ineligible to play for Eastleigh in the FA Cup, though, having appeared for Farnborough against Longleven and Andover Town (both five-goal victories).

Cureton has freely admitted he is surprised at his career longevity.

"Friends in the game, who I've known a long time, will wonder how I've done it," he said in an interview two years ago.

"I got in a fair bit of trouble when I was young. In the 90s, there was a drinking culture and being a young lad you wanted to be in that.

"Sometimes I'd turn up at training in the same clothes as the night before. I wanted to be one of the boys, so sometimes I did stuff just to impress them.

"I was a cocky kid, fairly arrogant.

"I had a lot of clubs chasing me from a young age. I started at the top and I didn't know any different. The money wasn't like it is now and I dread to think what I'd have been like being a youngster now. I still got carried away, I lived it up.

"After every game I'd be out with friends and didn't concentrate on the football. I just turned up on the training ground and knew I could do the business.

"I was quite naughty, but I was just a normal person - a normal person with a talent."

Times change, though.

Asked back in 2014 why he had kept playing at a decent level for so long, Cureton replied: "The love of the game, I still love it passionately.

"I love getting up and going to training and whether we are home or away I still get a massive buzz playing in front of fans and just being a professional footballer.

"I treat it more seriously now then when I was a kid because I know there is not long left.

"I love everything about it and that's probably keeps me pushing myself on.

"It's the greatest job ever and, whilst you can still do it, why would you not want to?"

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Jeepers keepers in eight-goal thriller

By Mike Vimpany

BARTON Peveril's Luke Hampton and Itchen coach James Taylor have serious defensive frailties to overcome if they are to challenge Peter Symonds in the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges arena this season.

The pair drew 4-4 in midweek – a game laced with goalkeeping howlers and, as the scoreline suggests, poor defensive work.

Barton Peveril almost won it in stoppage time, but a potential Lewis Wild hat-trick winner was ruled out for offside, ***writes Mike Vimpany.***

Wild kick-started the goal fest when he shot BP ahead low through the Itchen goalkeeper's legs, but the Eastleigh visitors soon responded with generosity of their own.

Barton Peveril failed to defend a far post Sam Woodward corner which Jake Willis-Dellimore bundled home and then Woodward himself cashed in to give Itchen a 2-1 lead.

By half-time, however, BP were level – Itchen's goal minder, confident in the air, fumbled a Jamie Barnes shot and Drew Smith levelled.

Soon after half-time and with Itchen kicking up the Middle Road slope, Barton allowed Ben Tiffin space on the left and Jake Willis-Dellimore restored the hosts' lead with a simple lob.

Tempers frayed for a ten minute spell as six players – four from Itchen – were yellow carded.

But, order restored, the Barton defence duly confirmed its charitable status by opening up like the Red Sea to allow the influential Jack Wilson to make it 4-2 with a low shot which Ed Ditchburn deflected in.

Itchen duly gifted Miles Gibson a third for BP who, after Sean McKenna had wasted a great chance, then equalised when Wild ran through to make it 4-4.

Barton Peveril ought to have won it after that, but they wasted one chance and then saw the linesman's flag raised when Wild thought he got the winner.

A draw was about right.

Itchen had beaten Farnborough 4-0 (Ben Tiffin 2, Nick Yeomans, Cameron Russell) and Andover 5-3 (Yeomans 3, Tiffin 2) in their two previous games.

Action from Itchen College (blue) v Barton Peveril College this week.

Hat's the way to do it

PETER SYMONDS barnstormed their way into the second round of the ESFA College Trophy with a 9-0 win over West Herts.

Jay Bugg and Pete Thatcher both hit hat-tricks for PSC, whose other goals came from Max Kirwan (2) and Harry Bayles.

They'll meet up with Barton Peveril in round two.

There's a symmetry about Richard Taunton's results upon their return to the top flight.

They began with an Effy Kazard inspired 5-1 win against Farnborough, lost 5-1 to Peter Symonds, but then bounced back with a 5-1 victory over Sparsholt.

RTC got off to a flier with Kenny Gatera heading them in front after five minutes and then Elliott Mitchell-Lea making it 2-0. Elliott Perkiss added a third before half-time.

Jay Bugg.

Soon after half-time Kazard bagged his fifth goal in three matches while midfield mastermind Mitchell-Lea made it 5-0 with a crisp free-kick before Andover replied.

Farnborough chalked up their first win of the season when they thrashed Sparsholt 8-0 (Liam White 3, Rosan Rai (2), Michael Auge-de-Rancourt, Cam Smith, own goal).

Poole Grammar have won both their opening two B Division matches.

They followed up a 7-2 mauling of Basingstoke by coming from behind to beat relegated South Downs 2-1 with George Heap scoring twice.

Winchester are through to round two of the ISFA Boodles Cup after scoring four times in the first half to beat Dulwich 5-2.

Super Colli goes ballistic as Tidworth are atrocious

THERE has been mixed fortunes for Southampton's representatives in the FA Women's Premier League.

Southampton Saints Ladies maintained their excellent, unbeaten start in FA WPL South West Division 1 with a midweek draw at Sholing FC against leaders Chichester City and a 1-0 win at rock-bottom Exeter thanks to a Carla Perkins goal.

By contrast, Southampton Saints' Ladies Reserves have had a difficult start in the WPL Reserves South Division. They lost their opening league fixture against Charlton and crashed out of the Cup 3-0 at Lewes.

Alex Collighan netted seven times as the under-16s thrashed Tidworth by a double figure margin.

Saints Under-13s travelled to Cheltenham Town for a friendly. After trailing at the interval, they ran out 5-1 winners thanks to goals from Leah Ballard (2), Tilly Thomas, Kaylee Buckingham, and Katie Pakes. Chloe Andrews and Victorie Wojcikiewicz contributed to a great team performance, as did the back three of EllieRobinson, Nicole Ryder, and Mia Flood. Saints Under-12s beat Worthies 5-1 with Yasmin Lane voted opposition player of the match. Saints lost 4-2 to AFC Bournemouth.

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November															
Thurs 3 Inter Milan (Europa Lge)	(h)														
Sat 6 Hull	(a)														
Sat 19 Liverpool	(h)														
Thurs 24 Sp Prague (Europa Lge)	(a)														
Sat 27 Everton (4.30pm)	(h)														
December															
Sat 3 Crystal Palace	(a)														
Thurs 8 Hapoel (Europa Lge)	(h)														
Sun 11 Middlesbrough	(h)														
Wed 14 Stoke	(a)														
Sat 17 Bournemouth	(a)														
Mon 26 Tottenham	(h)														
Sat 31 West Brom	(h)														
January															
Mon 2 Everton	(a)														
Sat 14 Burnley	(a)														
Sat 21 Leicester	(h)														
Tues 31 Swansea	(a)														
February															
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Sat 11 Sunderland	(a)														
Sat 25 Arsenal	(h)														
March															
Sat 4 Watford	(a)														
Sat 11 Man Utd	(h)														
Sat 18 Tottenham	(a)														
April															
Sat 1 Bournemouth	(h)														
Wed 5 Crystal Palace	(h)														
Sat 8 West Brom	(a)														
Sat 15 Man City	(h)														
Sat 22 Chelsea	(a)														
Sat 29 Hull	(h)														
May															
Sat 6 Liverpool	(a)														
Sat 13 Middlesbrough	(a)														
Sun 21 Stoke	(h)														

CHERRIES FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST	
13 Man United (H)	L 1-3
20 West Ham United (A)	L 0-1
27 Crystal Palace (A)	D1-1
SEPTEMBER	
10 West Bromwich (H)	W 1-0
17 Manchester City (A)	L 0-4
20 Preston (H, League Cup)	L 2-3
24 Everton (H)	W 1-0
OCTOBER	
1 Watford	(A)
15 Hull City	(H)
22 Tottenham	(H)
29 Middlesbrough	(A)
NOVEMBER	
5 Sunderland	(H)
19 Stoke City	(A)
26 Arsenal	(A)
DECEMBER	
3 Liverpool	(H)
10 Burnley	(A)
13 Leicester City	(H)
17 Southampton	(H)
26 Chelsea	(A)
31 Swansea City	(A)
JANUARY	
2 Arsenal	(H)
14 Hull City	(A)
21 Watford	(H)
31 Crystal Palace	(H)
FEBRUARY	
4 Everton	(A)
11 Manchester City	(H)
25 West Bromwich	(A)
MARCH	
4 Manchester United	(A)
11 West Ham United	(H)
18 Swansea City	(H)
APRIL	
1 Southampton	(A)
5 Liverpool	(A)
8 Chelsea	(H)
15 Tottenham	(A)
22 Middlesbrough	(H)
29 Sunderland	(A)
MAY	
6 Stoke City	(H)
13 Burnley	(H)
21 Leicester City	(A)

PORTSMOUTH FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST	
6 Carlisle (H)	D 1-1
9 Coventry (League Cup, A)	L 2-3
13 Crewe (A)	D 0-0
16 Morecambe (A)	L 0-2
20 Colchester (H)	W 2-0
27 Exeter (A)	W 1-0
30 Yeovil (EFL Tr)	L 3-4
SEPTEMBER	
3 Crawley Town (H)	W 3-0
10 Wycombe (H)	W 4-2
17 Accrington (A)	L 0-1
24 Barnet (H)	W 5-1
27 Blackpool (A)	L 1-3
OCTOBER	
1 Doncaster	(H)
8 Leyton Orient	(A)
15 Plymouth	(A)
22 Notts County	(H)
29 Cambridge Utd	(A)
NOVEMBER	
12 Mansfield	(H)
19 Cheltenham	(A)
22 Luton	(A)
26 Stevenage	(A)
DECEMBER	
10 Grimsby	(A)
17 Hartlepool	(H)
26 Newport County	(A)
31 Yeovil	(A)
JANUARY	
2 Luton	(H)
7 Doncaster	(A)
14 Leyton Orient	(H)
21 Crawley Town	(A)
28 Exeter	(h)
FEBRUARY	
4 Wycombe	(A)
11 Accrington Stanley	(H)
14 Blackpool	(H)
18 Barnet	(A)
25 Carlisle	(A)
28 Morecambe	(H)
MARCH	
4 Crewe	(H)
11 Colchester	(A)
14 Grimsby	(H)
18 Stevenage	(A)
25 Newport County	(H)
APRIL	
1 Hartlepool	(A)
8 Yeovil	(H)
14 Plymouth	(H)
17 Notts County	(A)
22 Cambridge Utd	(H)
29 Mansfield	(A)
MAY	
6 Cheltenham	(H)

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

EASTLEIGH

NATIONAL LEAGUE

August
6 Guiseley (H) W 2-1
9 Braintree (A) D 1-1
13 Tranmere (A) L 1-2
16 Dover (H) L 2-4
20 Wrexham (A) D 0-0
27 Solihull Moors (H) W 2-0
29 Bromley (A) W 5-0

September
3 North Ferriby (H) W 2-0
10 Southport (H) D 1-1
13 Forest Green (A) D 1-1
17 Macclesfield (A) W 1-0
24 Sutton (H) W 2-1

October
1 Woking (A)
4 Maidstone (H)
8 Dagenham & Red (H)
22 Lincoln (A)
25 Torquay (H)
29 Barrow (A)

November
12 York (H)
19 Gateshead (A)
22 Aldershot (A)
26 Chester (H)
29 Maidstone (A)

December
3 Forest Green (H)
17 Southport (A)
26 Boreham Wood (H)

January
1 Boreham Wood (A)
7 Macclesfield (H)
21 Sutton (A)
28 Woking (H)

February
4 Braintree (H)
11 Guiseley (A)
18 Tranmere (H)
25 Dover (A)
28 Aldershot (H)

March
4 York (A)
11 Barrow (H)
18 Chester (A)
21 Torquay (A)
25 Gateshead (H)

April
1 Dagenham & Red (A)
8 Lincoln (H)
14 North Ferriby (A)
17 Bromley (H)
22 Solihull Moors (A)
29 Wrexham (H)

GOSPORT BOROUGH

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

August
6 Maidenhead United (a) L 0-3
9 Truro City (h) W 3-1
13 Eastbourne Borough (H) W 3-1
16 Dartford (A) D 0-0
20 East Thurrock United (A) L 1-5
27 Bishop's Stortford (H) L 0-1
29 Oxford City (A) W 2-1

September
3 Ebbsfleet United (H) W 1-0
6 Hampton & RB (H) D 1-1
10 Hungerford Town (A) D 3-3
13 Bath City (A) L 0-4
24 Margate (H) W 1-0

October
8 St. Albans City (A)
15 Chelmsford City (H)
22 Wealdstone (H)
29 Hemel Hempstead Town (A)

November
5 Welling United (H)
12 Weston-super-Mare (A)
19 Concord Rangers (H)

December
3 Whitehawk (A)
17 Ebbsfleet United (A)
26 Poole Town (H)

January
1 Poole Town (A)
7 Hungerford Town (A)
14 East Thurrock United (H)
21 Hampton & RB (A)
28 Maidenhead United (H)

February
4 Truro City (A)
11 Dartford (H)
18 Eastbourne Borough (A)
25 Hemel Hempstead Town (H)

March
4 Wealdstone (A)
11 Margate (A)
18 St. Albans City (H)
21 Bath City (H)
25 Chelmsford City (A)

April
1 Weston-super-Mare (H)
8 Welling United (A)
14 Bishop's Stortford (A)
17 Oxford City (H)
22 Concord Rangers (A)
29 Whitehawk (H)

POOLE TOWN

NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH

August
6 Ebbsfleet United (A) L 0-4
9 Maidenhead United (H) W 1-0
13 Bishop's Stortford (H) W 1-0
16 Weston-Super-Mare (A) D 0-0
20 Margate (H) W 1-0
27 Hemel Hempstead Town (A) W 4-2
29 Bath City (H) W 1-0

September
3 Wealdstone (A) D 2-2
6 St Albans City (A) L 0-4
10 Eastbourne Borough (H) D 1-1
13 Truro City (A) D 0-0
24 Welling United (H) W 2-1

Ocotber
8 Hampton & Richmond (A)
15 Oxford City (H)
22 Hungerford Town (A)
29 East Thurrock United (H)

November
5 Chelmsford City (H)
12 Concord Rangers (A)
19 Whitehawk (H)

December
3 Dartford (A)
17 Wealdstone (H)
26 Gosport Borough (A)

January
1 Gosport Borough (H)
7 Eastbourne Borough (A)
14 Margate (A)
21 St Albans City (H)
28 Ebbsfleet United (H)

February
4 Maidenhead United (A)
11 Weston-Super-Mare (H)
18 Bishop's Stortford (A)
25 East Thurrock United (A)

March
4 Hungerford Town (H)
11 Welling United (A)
18 Hampton & Richmond (H)
21 Truro City (H)
25 Oxford City (A)

April
1 Concord Rangers (H)
8 Chelmsford City (A)
15 Hemel Hempstead Town (H)
17 Bath City (A)
22 Whitehawk (A)
29 Dartford (H)

AFC TOTTON

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Hereford (H) L 1-2
9 Swindon Supermarine (A) L 0-1
13 North Leigh (A) W 3-2
16 Larkhall Athletic (H) L 1-6
27 Bishops Cleeve (A) L 2-3
29 Salisbury (H) L 0-4

September
10 Evesham United (A) D 0-0
24 Shortwood United (A) L 1-2
27 Wimborne Town (H) L 1-6

October 2016
1 Yate Town (H)
15 Tiverton Town (A)
22 Slimbridge (H)
25 Didcot Town (A)

November
5 Bridgwater Town (H)
12 Mangotsfield United (A)
19 North Leigh (H)
23 Larkhall Athletic (A)
26 Hereford (A)
29 Swindon Supermarine (H)

December
3 Wantage Town (H)
10 Bideford (A)
17 Paulton Rovers (H)
26 Salisbury (A)

January
2 Winchester City (H)
7 Taunton Town (A)
14 Barnstaple Town (H
21 Paulton Rovers (A)
28 Shortwood United (H)

February
4 Wimborne Town (A)
11 Tiverton Town (H)
18 Yate Town (A)
25 Didcot Town (H)

March
4 Slimbridge (A)
11 Bridgwater Town (A)
18 Mangotsfield United (H)
25 Wantage Town (A)

April
1 Bideford (H)
8 Barnstaple Town (A)
15 Bishops Cleeve (H)
17 Winchester City (A)
22 Evesham (H)

SALISBURY

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Evesham Utd (H) W 1-0
10 Winchester City (A) L 2-4
13 Taunton Town (A) L 1-3
16 Bishops Cleeve (H) W 4-1
27 Mangotsfield United (H) W 2-1
29 AFC Totton (A) W 4-0

September
10 Bideford (H) D 4-4
24 Yate Town (A) L 1-3
27 Didcot Town (H) W 3-2

October
1 Swindon Supermarine (H)
15 Slimbridge (A)
22 Barnstaple Town (H)
25 Paulton Rovers (A)

November
5 Larkhall Athletic (A)
12 Tiverton Town (H)
19 Taunton Town (H)
22 Bishops Cleeve (A)
26 Evesham Utd (A)
29 Winchester City (H)

December
3 Hereford (A)
10 Shortwood Utd (H)
17 Bridgwater Town (A)
26 AFC Totton (H)

January
2 Wimborne Town (A)
7 North Leigh (H)
14 Wantage Town (A)
21 Bridgwater Town (H)
28 Yate Town (H)

February
4 Didcot Town (A)
11 Slimbridge (H)
18 Swindon Supermarine (A)
25 Paulton Rovers (H)

March
4 Barnstaple Town (A)
11 Larkhall Athletic (H)
18 Tiverton Town (A)
25 Hereford (H)

April
1 Shortwood Utd (A)
8 Wantage Town (H)
15 Mangotsfield Utd (A)
17 Wimborne Town (H)
22 Bideford (A)

WINCHESTER

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division 1 South & West

August
6 Slimbridge (A) L 3-5
10 Salisbury (H) W 4-2
13 Mangotsfield United (H) L 0-2
16 Didcot Town (A) L 0-4
27 Tiverton Town (H) L 0-4
29 Wimborne Town (A) D 2-2

September
10 Hereford (H) L 0-2
24 Bridgwater Town (H) W 4-1
27 Wantage Town (A) W 1-0

October
1 Evesham Utd (A)
15 North Leigh (H)
22 Taunton Town (A)
26 Bishops Cleeve (H)

November
5 Swindon Supermarine (A)
12 Yate Town (H)
19 Mangotsfield United (A)
23 Didcot Town (H)
26 Slimbridge (H)
29 Salisbury (A)

December
3 Barnstaple Town (A)
10 Paulton Rovers (H)
17 Bideford (A)
26 Wimborne Town (H)

January
2 AFC Totton (A)
7 Shortwood Utd (H)
14 Larkhall Athletic (A)
21 Bideford (H)
28 Bridgwater Town (A)

February
4 Wantage Town (H)
11 North Leigh (A)
18 Evesham Utd (H)
25 Bishops Cleeve (A)

March
4 Taunton Town (H)
11 Swindon Supermarine (H)
18 Yate Town (A)
25 Barnstaple Town (H)

April
1 Paulton Rovers (A)
8 Larkhall Athletic (H)
15 Tiverton Town (A)
17 AFC Totton (H)
22 Hereford (A)

Southern Daily Echo

FIND THE BALL

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B Calland	Southampton, Hants	M O'Connor	Southampton, Hants
A Cook	Southampton, Hants	J O'Neill	New Milton, Hants
D Fisher	Eastleigh, Hants	L Smyth	Southampton, Hants
D Forder	Southampton, Hants	C Walsh	Southampton, Hants
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An incident in a Eastleigh v Gateshead match

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Southern Daily Echo

PINK INK

Strauss: I won't hold grudges over tour withdrawals

ENGLAND and Wales Cricket Board director Andrew Strauss is not holding any grudges over the decisions of Eoin Morgan and Alex Hales to withdraw from the tour of Bangladesh due to security fears.

Limited-overs captain Morgan and opening batsman Hales were sufficiently unnerved by July's terror attack at a Dhaka cafe, where 29 people were killed, to opt out of the trip despite ECB security advisor Reg Dickason giving the green light last month.

In the immediate aftermath, Strauss, below, admitted he was "disappointed" with their stance, adding the pair had given others an opportunity to stake their place for a permanent slot in the team.

However, the former England captain respects their decisions and acknowledged it would have been unfair to force anyone to travel to a place where they did not feel comfortable.

Strauss, who arrived at England's team hotel in Dhaka on Friday night amid a heavy security presence, said: "I was disappointed and mainly because I just felt if we got the whole team together, I think that's a stronger statement.

"(But) the worst thing you could possibly do is force someone to tour somewhere if they're really, deeply uncomfortable because they're not going to perform on the pitch for you anyway.

"I certainly don't think the players are holding it against them in any way and I'm certainly not either."

The duo will miss the three one-day internationals, the first of which is next Friday in Dhaka, while Hales seemed likely to lose his spot in the Test side anyway after a disappointing return in the summer series against Pakistan.

Hales' form in the 50-over format has been electric however, with four hundreds in the last 12 months, while Morgan has overseen a stunning metamorphosis of the one-day team since last year's World Cup shambles, and both will therefore be in contention for the ODI series against India after Christmas.

Strauss said: "One thing you do do when you opt out of a tour is you give someone else an opportunity to stake their claim.

"But both Eoin and Alex have done a lot of really good things for England in the last 12 months or so, and I think Eoin, in particular, as captain has done some fantastic things in terms of instilling this new philosophy

"When we come to select the squad for India, we're selecting from that full squad again."

Jos Buttler will lead the ODI side in Morgan's absence and Strauss added: "He will be his own man and do things his own way. I think philosophically he's very similar to Eoin in terms of how he wants the team to play."

England suffered another setback in their preparations when it was revealed their leading Test wicket-taker James Anderson and fellow fast bowler Mark Wood would also miss the tour after suffering recurrences of recent injuries.

Anderson's ongoing struggles with his right shoulder forced his withdrawal from playing in either of the two Tests that follow the ODI series while Wood, named in both squads, continues to battle a left ankle problem.

While Strauss remains optimistic both bowlers may feature against India, his reticence to put a timescale on Anderson's return in particular suggests the 34-year-old may be touch and go for the first Test on November 9 in Rajkot.

He said: "The message we've been given on both of them is that they both need more time and the worst thing you can do is rush them back before they're ready.

"We're hopeful that both will play a part at some stage in the winter but we just don't know."

England's Alex Hales had an amazing summer in the 50-over format for England but opted out of the tour of Bangladesh due to security fears

KEY MAN: England captain Eoin Morgan lifts the Royal London one day series trophy

Wise words from Arnold

Arnold Palmer, who passed away earlier this week aged 87, was one of the most respected figures in golf and his drive helped build the foundations for the modern game.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at some of his pearls of wisdom garnered during a 52-year career.

"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening ... without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."

"I've always made a total effort, even when the odds seemed entirely against me. I never quit trying; I never felt that I didn't have a chance to win."

Arnold Palmer

"I'm not much for sitting around and talking about the past. What does that accomplish? If I can give young people something to think about, like the future, that's a better use of my time."

"Success in golf depends less on strength of body than upon strength of mind and character."

"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done."

"Golf is a game of inches. The most important are the six inches between your ears."

"The galleries still like to see birdies and eagles. If you take them all away, it takes away some of the dramatics, the excitement of a golf tournament."

Golfing great

Arnold Palmer was one of golf's greats both on and off the course. Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at some of the numbers from his career following his death at the age of 87.

7

Major wins. Four Masters titles (1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, two Opens (1961, 1962) and the US Open (1960) puts him joint seventh on the all-time list.

52

Official length in years of his playing career, having turned professional in 1954.

2,400

Palmer's first winner's cheque (in dollars) for victory at the 1955 Canadian Open.

1973

The year he won his last tournament, the Bob Hope Desert Classic – 18 years after his first success.

4,408,211

Career earnings (in dollars)

Arnold Palmer in 1961.

as a player on the PGA and Champions/Seniors Tours.

30,000,000

Estimated off-course earnings in US dollars.

20

Career holes in one.

62

Best 18-hole round at 1959 Thunderbird Invitational and 1966 Los Angeles Open.

50

Consecutive appearances at the Masters.

734

Career starts on the PGA Tour.

319

Career starts on the Champions/Seniors Tour.

13

Streets named after him in the United States.

PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

Rod wants purists

HAMPSHIRE chairman Rod Bransgrove has published the following 1,200 word statement on the proposed city-based T20 competition.

Bransgrove is one of the 15 county chairman who, along with the MCC, have voted in support of an eight-team T20 tournament. He will hold an open forum with Hampshire members on October 12.

Rod Bransgrove

Notwithstanding the fact that Hampshire was at the wrong end of it, what an incredible finish we have just witnessed to the 2016 County Championship.

I am however in no doubt that such a headline-grabbing climax would not have been possible without the existence of the two-divisional system that was introduced in 2000.

I applaud the forward-thinking decision makers of that time who, in the face of stiff opposition from the 'traditionalists', stuck to their aim of improving the competitiveness and therefore the quality of the 4 day game.

Now is the time for all who love cricket and wish to lay the foundations for the next 150 years of its existence, to demonstrate a similar openness and commitment to another critical innovation; City-based T20.

We should be in no doubt about the risks of doing nothing. As those who have been watching have seen for many years, children are losing touch with cricket and arguably vice versa.

Research conducted recently by ECB has revealed that only 2% of children aged 7 to 15 ranked cricket as their favourite sport and that American WWE wrestling star John Cena was recognised by more of these children than Alastair Cook.

Many blame the absence of cricket on terrestrial TV for this situation and this may indeed have played a part, but this ignores the trend of young people watching 'traditional' scheduled TV less, in favour of a range of other communication methods including 'catch up' and clips on a wide range of devices and platforms e.g. Twitter and Facebook.

It is also somewhat ironic that Mr. Cena's fame has been established whilst WWE has been broadcast in the UK exclusively via satellite!

All is certainly not lost however and again, ECB's own research suggests that some 9.4million people in the UK profess some interest in cricket.

Of this huge number, only 75,000 or so have been attracted to join one of the 18 first class counties as a Member.

Whilst acknowledging that our Members are the most loyal supporters of the game and a source of valuable income, many of them would and should be the first to acknowledge that their interests do not always accord with those of the young people and their families with whom we so desperately need to re-engage.

Change should be no stranger to any consumer-facing organisation, indeed it is an essential element of survival and growth.

In 2002, despite overwhelming consumer research in favour of the introduction of Twenty20 Cricket, 7 Counties voted against it and for those of us present at the debate, it was clear that their decisions were in the main fuelled by a fear of backlash from their membership.

It is no exaggeration to say that, without them being outvoted at the time, some of these same Counties would have perished by now.

Again somewhat ironically, the very introduction of the format that many traditionalists feared, has therefore already come to the rescue of 4-day cricket by assisting with the survival of all 18 first class Counties – at least, for now.

Despite our "invention" of T20, we have allowed it to maintain limited momentum whilst other countries, notably India with the IPL and Australia with the Big Bash, have shown how it can be taken to another level.

Even in the cash-strapped Caribbean, audiences are being lured back to the game they had abandoned via a re-invigorated CPL.

Anyone who has not seen this revolution in cricket has simply not been looking. Amazingly, however, such people do exist!

PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

to embrace T20

Perth Scorchers celebrate winning the Big Bash last year

American wrestler John Cena, above, dressed as Hillary Clinton (centre).

England captain Alastair Cook

After extensive and detailed consultation, which included consideration of all options, the ECB and its constituents have broadly agreed that we should fully investigate the potential for establishing a new T20 Tournament along the lines of the IPL and the Big Bash utilising the best players from around the world and the biggest grounds in the UK.

This Tournament needs to start soon and the intention is to establish this as early as 2018 in order to maximise the opportunity and minimise competition from the rapidly-growing CPL.

This competition will require Members to look more openly at the game they love.

For a month or so each summer, the best players from all Counties (should all Counties wish to participate) will join forces with the best overseas players in 8 new teams based at grounds with high attendance potential (not necessarily cricket grounds at present).

These new teams will be run independently and all income derived will go into a newly-established company owned equally by all 18 First Class Counties (should they agree to participate) and MCC.

It is estimated that the minimum distribution to all participants will be £1.3million and, make no mistake, for many FCCs this is a life saver. Host grounds will also receive a fee for staging the events which could be in the region of £500,000.

This income will, without doubt, secure the future of a number of FCCs and, therefore, the existence of First Class Cricket for many years.

For those Members who profess no interest in T20, this safeguards the Long Form game in a way that cannot be guaranteed without such an innovation.

If we truly love this game, and we want to preserve it for our children's children, we must make this decision now and take pride in the fact that we have secured the future of cricket.

If we do not take this decision now, we can watch the game's gradual erosion into a minority cult sport played by the wealthy few.

Those of us in, or approaching, the autumn of our lives have a responsibility to protect the game from this inevitable decline.

Of course, as with all change, the proposal has certain detractors. As mentioned above, this was the case in 2002 when, thankfully, the common sense of the 11 supporters of T20 cricket prevailed to the benefit of all.

Most opponents are well-intentioned people who simply enjoy attending Long Form cricket and enjoy the skills and durability required for this game.

To them I can only stress that this is a format which does not accord with modern day life and is not attracting new spectators. Without significant new funds this will perish altogether.

There are also (inevitably) some lobbyists with different motives; people with agendas other than the best interests of our game as a whole.

In an open debate all legitimate points of view should be addressed openly by all participants and this is the process which ECB has encouraged to date with County Chairmen and CEOs.

The PCA has also actively sought the views of our Players and have indicated their support for this initiative.

It is now time for us to invite the views of Hampshire Members and Supporters and I am proposing that this statement will be followed by an open forum on 12 October where these views can be expressed and considered.

Finally to those who seek to portray me as a T20 pioneer with no interest in "proper" cricket, I say this.

There was no T20 cricket when I poured my money, my time, my heart and my soul into Hampshire Cricket; I am a cricket lover through and through and nobody can doubt this.

I see an opportunity for us to save the entirety of our game by showing some initiative. Let's not miss it…

Big Sam stats

Sam Allardyce left the role as England manager in disgrace this week.

Here, the *Sports Pink* takes a look at some of the numbers behind the 61-year-old's managerial career to date.

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Number of clubs in England Allardyce has taken permanent charge of. After starting at Blackpool in 1994, he went to Notts County, Bolton, Newcastle, Blackburn, West Ham and then to Sunderland.

467

Premier League matches Allardyce has taken charge of. Harry Redknapp is the only Englishman who has been at the helm for more games in the division.

3

Promotions Allardyce has achieved in his career, taking Notts County up to the third tier before bringing Bolton and West Ham into the top flight via the play-offs.

6

Sam Allardyce.

Bolton's highest league position achieved under Allardyce was sixth in 2004-05.

24

Games Allardyce had at the Newcastle helm before he was sacked in the shortest stint of his club managerial career to date. Having won six of his first 11 games, the Magpies would win just twice more before Allardyce was axed in January.

19

The century Jose Mourinho claimed Allardyce's West Ham played football from in 2014 following a goalless draw at Stamford Bridge.

7

Number of points Sunderland were adrift of safety at the start of January. Allardyce prevented relegation as the Black Cats lost just one of their final 11 matches.

Southern score eight

SOUTHERN Sports boasted eight different scorers in their City of Southampton Sunday League Junior Division 6 victory at AFC Itchen Reserves.

They won 8-3 with Dan Hammond, Alfie Bevis, Tarlan Fard, Pete McColm, Craig Harper, Joe Watts, George Hooke and Rossi Hammond all netting for the victors.

Tom Hills, Jonny Pipes and Brad Clarke replied.

Ben Smith (2), Luca Cordeddu (2), Billy Robinson and an own goal made up Testland Reserves' tally in their 6-0 success at Park Gate Panthers.

Pawel Burdzy (3) and Dan Stockley netted as Hamwic Rovers won 4-2 at Riverside Rangers. Joe Rippon and Pete Kerr replied.

Pawel Burdzy

Curbridge defeated visiting Marchwood Rangers 5-3 in Junior 2 with strikes from James Pitre, Connor Young, Mitch Young, Ali Ingram and Karl Littleboy.

Marchwood, 4-1 down at the break, replied through Jay Petty's free-kick, Ben Foster and Sam Johnston.

Fawley RBL beat Lyndhurst JFC 3-1 with goals from Jake Voller, Dean Lamb and Dan Lee. Ben Hatch replied.

James Christopher's first-half brace saw AFC Portswood win 2-1 at Fryern. Andy Probert replied.

Damian Slawkowski and Steve Wilson scored as AFC Spitfire beat Forest Home 2-0 in Junior Division 3.

Shah Bani-Sadr, Andy Riddell and Damo Chance were on target as Bridge Manor won 3-2 at Portside.

Daniel Runnalls twice replied.

Pair net four goals each in remarkable draw

Aaron Blaxall

THERE were two four-goal sharpshooters in a remarkable 6-6 draw which also involved one of the goalkeepers scoring.

Adam Lachab belted four goals for RS Nomansland Reserves, while Aiden Reidy did likewise for Mayfield in a Junior 4 contest.

Nomansland keeper Rob Harrison netted with a long kick that deceived his opposite number, and Jack Tunstall completed his side's half-dozen haul. Sam Martin scored Mayfield's other two goals.

Charlie Parker's treble helped Chamberlayne Athletic Reserves defeat Whiteheart United 4-1. Ross Walton also netted, with Rich Faleschini replying.

Aaron Blaxall also scored three times – his treble helping Portswood Reserves trounce Sholing Monks 1-1. Lewis Powell scored twice and Kieran Smith replied.

AFC Hedge End Town romped to a 6-3 win against AFC Itchen in Junior Division 5.

They only led 1-0 at half time courtesy of Adam Martin's 10th-minute opener. Macaully Smith added a second on 48 minutes before Callum Parker (3) and Josh Bessant opened the floodgates.

Athletico Romsey Sunday beat Testwood 3-1 with Tom Munday, Josh Patience and Tom Probert netting. Josh Osman replied.

Ollie Burroughs (2) and Tyler Rossi netted as Cricks AFC won 3-1 at Banister Park, Craig Haynes replying.

O.T's & Romsey boasted two hat-trick heroes in their 7-0 trouncing of Burridge. Ben Jacobs and Eliott Mitchell-Lee shared six goals, with Gabriel Leon-Davis also scoring.

Crusaders cruise in demolition job

By Simon Carter

ANDY Powell led the goal spree as Crusaders hammered Landguard Rovers in the Premier Division of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

He struck four times with Craig Pakins and Jordan Freeman both grabbing braces in a 10-1 romp. Connor Rowe and Jimmy Lovelock also scored, with Rovers – 5-0 down at half-time – replying through a Tunde Akintolu penalty.

Tom Tuckey, Craig Harding and Mason Baptise netted as AFC West End won 3-2 at Hedge End Athletic. After a goalless first half, Joe Williams twice replied.

Louis Lemessieur (2), Justyn Penfold and Lee Osborne scored as Chamberlayne Athletic won 4-2 at KRL. Mark Brooms and Micky Mandair replied.

Brad Rowthorne was Cricketers Arms' hat-trick hero in a 4-2 victory at Boyatt Wood in the Senior Division.

Sam Treadaway also scored with Nick Beattie and Rich Smith replying.

Micky McAleer (2) and Brett Hall were on target as RS Nomanslad won 3-0 at CDA.

Junior Division 1

John Frosdick and Paul Tanner scored as Bishops triumphed 2-1 at A.F.C Bishopstoke in Junior Division 1. Lewis Jones replied.

A second-half equaliser from Chris Pye gave Bitterne Ducks a 1-1 draw at AFC Southbrook, who led at half-time through Gary Stoner.

Durley beat Eastpoint 2-0 with goals from Mike Cooper and Ash Dallimore.

Manraj Birring (2), Aiden Collins, Taylor Young and Sukhraj Dosanjh netted as AFC Soton triumphed 5-2 at King George. Luke Corsham and Josh Barclay replied.

Hunters Inn triumphed 5-2 away at AFC Dorchester in Junior Division 2 with goals from Jack Solloway, Ash McGimpsey, Henry Rule, Grant Welsh and Rob Pearce. Joe Clist and Jack Wyatt replied for Dorchester.

Goalscorer Justyn Penfold, left

PINK LOCAL CRICKET

Kings' beat the odds to land title

Mike Vimpany

KINGS' of Winchester are Hampshire Schools' Under-15 champions after beating hot favourites Priestlands by 12 runs in a thrilling final at Hursley Park.

They beat Eggars, Test Valley, John Hanson and Shanklin to reach the final, but were underdogs against their Lymington opponents, who won the cup in 2015 and paraded three Hampshire under-15 players.

After a cautious start in damp conditions at The Quarters, Kings' accelerated to post 129-7 with key contributions from Harry Trussler, Ashley Lovell and Josh Corner.

With their strong batting line-up, Priestlands were expected to win with some degree of comfort but Kings' bowled and fielded superbly checking the run rate with frequent wickets.

Going into the last five overs the outcome was poised on a knife-edge but Kings' held their nerve to triumph by 12 runs and so add to the school's impressive tally of county cup sporting victories.

Kings' School under-15s: Standing (from left): Louis Motte, Josh Corner, Josh Tombs, Martin Manning (coach) Alfie Trodd, James Trodd, Cameron Proctor, Kieran Dunne. Kneeling: Archie Dunn, Harry Trussler, Ashley Lovell, Ollie Rowden, Jack Good, Freddie Taylor

Parley to celebrate unbeaten season at awards night

ALEX Nippard (centre left) and George Wilson (right) hold the Hampshire League County Division 3 South championship trophy which Parley won, chalking up 333 points from 15 matches, 14 of which they won – the derby with Ferndown Wayfarers ending in a tie.

The unbeaten season was a notable success for all-round pair Jack Rowett, who made 393 runs in addition to taking 27 wickets, and spinner Oli Green, whose 290 runs was complemented by 28 victims.

Dorset debutant Sam Collins (365) and Nippard (313) each made 300-plus runs, while Tom Blackley took 29 wickets for Parley, who will receive their trophies at the HL presentation awards dinner at the Southampton Novotel on November 11.

IBM Hursley 2nd XI: Were on the brink of completing an unbeaten Regional 3 North title winning season when Herriard ended their ten-match run in the final round of matches. Back row (from left): N Moring, M Robbins, R Mcrobert, P Dugdale, K Kundu, J Stewart, I Robbins. Front: W Robbins, T Portelli, T Adams, G Mcrobert, R Cocking

End of the Road for Russell

FORMER Ventnor pace bowler Chris Russell is to leave New Road, having not been offered a new contract by Worcestershire.

The 27-year-old Isle of Wight raised cricketer made his first-class debut against Warwickshire in August 2012, after taking six wickets in a tour match against South Africa.

He has played 17 further first-class games but only occasionally in limited-overs cricket in the past two years, during which time he has played ECB Birmingham & District Premier League cricket for Wolverhampton.

"It's always a tough time for people to be leaving," said boss Steve Rhodes.

"I think he'll look elsewhere to try and find another county. Wherever that might be, I wish him well."

Russell, who plans to spend the winter playing for the Cape Town side Bellville, hopes to attract another county.

Jackman heroics are not enough

Matt Jackman's gallant one-man show wasn't quite enough to get Longparish across the line in the Hampshire indoor sixes finals against eventual winners Sarisbury Athletic and runners-up Hook & Newnham Basics at the Ageas Bowl.

Jackman hit 62 of Parish's 91 all out in the three-wicket defeat by Sarisbury and made an unbeaten 38 as this summer's County Division 1 champions ran Hook to the wire.

Longparish, set for a huge score at 127-1 with two overs left, collapsed to 144-5 (Mike Taplin 26), but then reduced Hook to 81-5 before Shane Brewer hit an amazing 61 not out to het the Basingstoke side home by one wicket off the last ball.

Jackman also took two wickets in each of Longparish's two matches.

PINK RESULTS

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Premier League

Hull................0 **Chelsea**................2
Willian 61
Costa 67
HT 0-0 Att 21,257

Sunderlnd................1 **W.B.A.**................1
Van Aanholt 83 Chadli 35
HT 0-1 Att 40,043

Swansea................1 **Liverpool**................2
Fer 8 Firmino 54
Milner 84 pen
HT 1-0 Att 20,862

Watford................2 **AFC Bournemouth**....2
Deeney 50 Wilson 31
Success 65 King 62
HT 0-1 Att 20,575

West Ham................1 **Middlesbro**................1
Payet 57 Stuani 51
HT 0-0 Att 56,945

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man City	6	3	0	0	9	2	3	0	0	9	3	18
Liverpool	7	2	0	0	9	2	3	1	1	9	8	16
Tottenham	6	2	1	0	3	1	2	1	0	7	2	14
Everton	7	2	2	0	6	3	2	0	1	5	2	14
Arsenal	6	2	0	1	8	5	2	1	0	7	2	13
Chelsea	7	2	0	1	6	3	2	1	1	6	6	13
Man Utd	6	2	0	1	7	3	2	0	1	5	4	12
Crystal P	7	1	1	1	5	3	2	1	1	6	5	11
W.B.A.	7	1	1	1	5	4	1	2	1	3	3	9
SAINTS	**6**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**4**	**8**
Watford	7	1	1	2	7	8	1	1	1	5	5	8
Bournemouth	7	2	0	1	3	3	0	2	2	3	8	8
Leicester	6	2	1	0	5	1	0	0	3	3	10	7
Burnley	6	2	1	1	5	2	0	0	2	0	6	7
Hull	7	1	0	3	3	8	1	1	1	4	6	7
Middlesbro	7	0	1	2	3	5	1	2	1	4	5	6
Swansea	7	0	1	3	4	9	1	0	2	2	3	4
West Ham	7	1	1	2	4	8	0	0	3	4	9	4
Sunderlnd	7	0	1	3	4	9	0	1	2	2	4	2
Stoke	6	0	1	2	2	9	0	1	2	2	6	2

SkyBet Championship

Birminghm................1 **Blackburn**................0
Gleeson 64
HT 0-0 Att 16,781

Brentford................0 **Wigan**................0
HT 0-0 Att 9,547

Bristol C................2 **Nottm For**................1
Abraham 65 Vellios 33
Paterson 68
HT 0-1 Att 18,922

Burton Albion................2 **Cardiff**................0
Irvine 12
Akins 49
HT 1-0 Att 4,426

Fulham................1 **Q.P.R.**................2
Ream 47 Washington 20
Sylla 87
HT 0-1 Att 19,609

Ipswich................0 **Huddersfld**................1
Schindler 58
HT 0-0 Att 16,146

Leeds Utd................2 **Barnsley**................1
Bartley 36 Taylor 70 og
Hernandez 54
HT 1-0 Att 27,050

Preston................2 **A. Villa**................0
Pearson 5
Hugill 39
HT 2-0 Att 17,696

Reading................1 **Derby Cty**................1
Evans 90 Vydra 62
HT 0-0 Att 17,002

Rotherham................0 **Newcastle**................1
Atsu 41
HT 0-1 Att 11,653

Sheff Wed................1 **Brighton**................2
Hooper 90 Baldock 26
Knockaert 73
HT 0-1 Att 25,605

Wolves................L **Norwich**................L
HT L-L

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Huddersfld	11	5	0	0	9	4	3	1	2	5	4	25
Newcastle	11	3	0	2	11	8	4	1	1	11	2	22
Brighton	11	4	0	1	9	2	2	3	1	5	5	21
Bristol C	11	4	1	1	9	5	2	1	2	10	7	20
Norwich	10	4	1	0	9	4	2	1	2	10	10	20
Birminghm	11	3	2	1	9	6	2	3	0	5	3	20
Brentford	11	4	2	0	13	2	1	1	3	5	7	18
Reading	11	3	3	0	7	4	2	0	3	5	11	18
Sheff Wed	11	4	0	2	9	8	1	2	2	4	6	17
Barnsley	11	3	1	1	11	5	2	0	4	10	11	16
Leeds Utd	11	3	1	2	7	6	2	0	3	5	7	16
Wolves	10	2	2	1	6	6	2	1	2	8	6	15
Q.P.R.	11	1	2	2	5	10	3	1	2	9	7	15
Fulham	11	1	2	3	5	10	2	3	0	5	3	14
Burton Albion	11	3	1	2	8	5	0	3	2	8	11	13
Ipswich	11	2	3	1	6	4	1	1	3	2	5	13
Preston	11	3	0	3	8	5	1	1	3	4	9	13
Nottm For	11	3	1	1	13	10	0	2	4	6	12	12
A. Villa	11	1	4	0	8	5	0	3	3	2	7	10
Derby Cty	11	0	2	3	1	5	2	2	2	5	5	10
Wigan	11	2	2	1	6	3	0	1	5	6	11	9
Blackburn	11	1	1	3	7	10	1	1	4	5	10	8
Cardiff	11	1	0	4	2	8	1	2	3	6	11	8
Rotherham	11	1	3	2	8	9	0	0	5	3	16	6

SkyBet League One

AFC Wimbledon................2 **Gillingham**................0
Poleon 20
Parrett 45 pen
HT 2-0 Att 4,653

Bolton................0 **Oxford Utd**................2
Thomas 81
Maguire 90
HT 0-0 Att 14,207

Bury................1 **Scunthorpe**................2
Soares 58 Wiseman 42
Morris 65
HT 0-1 Att 5,335

Charlton................0 **Rochdale**................1
Andrew 25
HT 0-1 Att 14,460

Chesterfld................0 **Bradford**................1
Clarke 26
HT 0-1 Att 6,997

Fleetwood Town................1 **Sheff Utd**................1
Ball 13 Ebanks-Landell 90
HT 1-0 Att 4,004

Northmptn................2 **Bristol R**................3
Revell 9,76 Gaffney 60
Hartley 71
Colkett 90
HT 1-0 Att 6,642

Oldham................0 **M K Dons**................2
Reeves 36
Agard 55
HT 0-1 Att 3,273

Port Vale................0 **Coventry**................2
Sordell 36
McCann 72
HT 0-1 Att 5,605

Shrewsbry................1 **Swindon**................1
Toney 44 Goddard 9
HT 1-1 Att 5,103

Southend................1 **Peterboro**................1
Wordsworth 78 Maddison 90
HT 0-0 Att 6,417

Walsall................2 **Millwall**................1
Jackson 17 Onyedinma 22
Moussa 49
HT 1-1 Att 4,474

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Scunthorpe	11	3	2	0	14	3	4	1	1	12	8	24
Bradford	11	2	3	0	7	4	3	3	0	6	3	21
Bury	11	4	0	2	11	6	2	2	1	9	7	20
Sheff Utd	11	3	1	1	5	5	2	2	2	9	9	18
Northmptn	11	3	2	1	12	6	1	3	1	6	6	17
Port Vale	11	5	0	1	11	5	0	2	3	4	9	17
Bristol R	11	2	2	1	8	7	2	2	2	8	9	16
Bolton	11	2	3	1	5	5	2	1	2	5	5	16
M K Dons	11	0	2	3	4	9	4	1	1	11	5	15
Oxford Utd	11	3	2	0	7	3	1	1	4	5	8	15
Rochdale	11	2	1	2	6	6	2	2	2	7	7	15
Gillingham	11	2	2	1	7	6	2	1	3	10	15	15
Peterboro	11	1	3	1	10	7	2	2	2	8	7	14
Fleetwood Tn	11	2	3	1	10	9	1	1	3	6	7	13
Wimbledon	11	2	1	3	9	9	1	3	1	6	7	13
Walsall	11	3	1	2	11	11	0	3	2	2	6	13
Chesterfld	11	3	1	2	12	9	0	2	3	4	7	12
Charlton	11	1	3	2	7	6	1	3	1	5	6	12
Millwall	11	2	2	1	9	6	1	1	4	9	16	12
Swindon	11	2	0	3	5	7	1	3	2	7	9	12
Southend	11	2	2	2	8	9	1	1	3	4	11	12
Shrewsbry	11	1	2	3	6	8	1	2	2	5	8	10
Coventry	11	0	5	0	3	3	1	1	4	5	9	9
Oldham	11	0	3	3	2	7	1	3	1	3	5	9

SkyBet League Two

Barnet................0 **Leyton O**................0
HT 0-0 Att 2,682

Cambridge................2 **Acc Stanley**................1
Legge 14 Kee 51
Mingoia 81
HT 1-0 Att 3,765

Carlisle................2 **Colchester**................0
Kennedy 51
Ibehre 79
HT 0-0 Att 4,516

Cheltnham................1 **Luton**................1
O'Shaughnessy 64 Hylton 52
HT 0-0 Att 3,660

Crawley................1 **Blackpool**................0
Connolly 69
HT 0-0 Att 2,300

Crewe................1 **Mansfield**................1
Dagnall 56 Hoban 51
HT 0-0 Att 3,831

Grimsby................0 **Hartlepool**................3
Amond 25,36
Thomas 60
HT 0-2 Att 5,713

Newport County................P **Stevenage**................P
Postponed due to waterlogged pitch.

Notts Cnty................A **Morecambe**................A
HT A-A
Abandoned due to waterlogged pitch.

Plymouth................4 **Yeovil**................1
Spencer 39 Ward 45
Jervis 43,86
Carey 71
HT 2-1 Att 8,529

POMPEY................1 **Doncaster**................2
Baker 41 Marquis 7
Williams 34
HT 1-2 Att 16,950

Wycombe................1 **Exeter**................0
Akinfenwa 85
HT 0-0 Att 3,297

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Plymouth	11	4	1	1	10	6	4	0	1	7	2	25
Doncaster	11	3	2	0	10	4	3	0	3	12	10	20
Carlisle	11	3	3	0	8	4	1	4	0	8	7	19
Luton	11	3	1	1	11	6	2	2	2	9	6	18
Crawley	11	3	2	1	7	5	2	1	2	6	8	18
POMPEY	**11**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**16**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**6**	**17**
Notts Cnty	10	1	2	2	7	8	4	0	1	10	6	17
Crewe	11	2	4	0	9	6	2	1	2	6	9	17
Grimsby	11	3	0	3	9	9	2	1	2	8	8	16
Morecambe	10	2	0	3	8	11	3	1	1	8	7	16
Colchester	11	3	0	2	11	9	1	3	2	5	7	15
Acc Stanley	11	2	1	2	8	8	2	2	2	7	7	15
Hartlepool	11	0	4	1	5	6	3	2	1	12	12	15
Mansfield	11	1	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	7	7	14
Wycombe	11	4	1	1	10	5	0	1	4	3	10	14
Blackpool	11	2	2	1	7	4	1	2	3	8	8	13
Leyton O	11	1	0	4	4	6	2	3	1	8	8	12
Barnet	10	1	4	1	6	5	1	2	1	4	7	12
Cambridge	11	2	2	2	7	9	1	1	3	3	6	12
Stevenage	10	3	0	2	11	7	0	2	3	3	10	11
Yeovil	11	2	0	3	7	8	1	1	4	4	11	10
Cheltnham	11	1	3	2	6	6	0	3	2	6	9	9
Exeter	11	0	0	5	1	8	3	0	3	7	8	9
Newport Co	9	0	2	2	6	8	1	1	3	4	7	6

Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

Dundee................0 **Celtic**................1
Brown 47
HT 0-0 Att 8,827

Hamilton................1 **Inverness CT**................1
D'Acol 18 Polworth 90
HT 1-0 Att 1,611

Kilmarnock................0 **Aberdeen**................4
Rooney 25 pen,72
Considine 50
Taylor 67
HT 0-1 Att 4,592

Rangers................2 **Partick**................0
Kranjcar 33
Halliday 40
HT 2-0 Att 49,680

Ross Cnty................0 **St Johnstn**................2
Swanson 42 pen
Kane 73
HT 0-1 Att 3,299

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	7	3	0	0	15	3	3	1	0	9	5	19
Aberdeen	8	2	2	0	5	3	2	1	1	8	5	15
Hearts	8	2	1	1	9	4	2	1	1	5	3	14
St Johnstn	8	1	1	1	3	4	3	1	1	8	4	14
Rangers	8	2	2	0	5	2	1	1	2	5	9	12
Motherwell	8	1	1	2	6	7	1	2	1	5	5	9
Ross Cnty	8	1	1	2	4	6	1	2	1	3	3	9
Inverness CT	8	2	1	1	9	7	0	2	2	3	9	9
Hamilton	8	1	2	1	4	4	0	2	2	5	9	7
Dundee	8	0	2	3	4	8	1	1	1	4	4	6
Kilmarnock	8	0	2	2	4	9	1	1	2	4	10	6
Partick	7	1	1	2	4	5	0	1	2	3	6	5

Ladbrokes Scottish Ch'ship

Ayr Utd................0 **Dunfrmline**................0
HT 0-0 Att 2,883

Dumbarton................0 **Queen Sth**................0
HT 0-0

Morton................1 **Raith**................0
Forbes 18
HT 1-0 Att 1,528

St Mirren................L **Falkirk**................L
HT L-L

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Queen Sth	8	3	1	0	9	2	2	2	0	5	2	18
Hibernian	7	2	0	1	7	3	3	1	0	5	1	16
Falkirk	7	3	0	1	7	3	1	1	1	3	3	13
Raith	8	3	0	1	8	5	1	1	2	5	6	13
Dundee Utd	7	2	2	0	8	4	1	0	2	4	5	11
Morton	8	2	2	0	5	3	0	1	3	3	9	9
Ayr Utd	8	1	2	1	3	4	1	0	3	3	10	8
Dunfrmline	8	2	0	2	9	10	0	1	3	2	6	7
Dumbarton	8	1	2	1	2	2	0	1	3	6	9	6
St Mirren	7	0	1	2	2	6	0	2	2	6	9	3

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 1

Albion R................2 **Queen Park**................0
Boyd 30
Wallace 90
HT 1-0 Att 444

Alloa................1 **Airdrieonians**................2
Spence 54 Ryan 28
Conroy 52
HT 0-1 Att 644

East Fife................0 **Stenhsmuir**................1
McMenamin 58 pen
HT 0-0 Att 563

Peterhead................1 **Livingston**................2
Kelleher 7 Mullen 25,58
HT 1-1 Att 569

Stranraer................0 **Brechin**................1
Jackson 75
HT 0-0 Att 402

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Brechin	8	3	1	0	7	4	3	0	1	6	3	19
Livingston	8	3	0	0	11	3	3	0	2	10	8	18
Alloa	8	2	0	2	8	6	3	1	0	13	5	16
East Fife	8	2	1	2	8	6	1	1	1	5	3	11
Albion R	8	2	0	2	6	6	1	2	1	8	7	11
Airdrieonians	8	1	1	2	4	7	2	1	1	9	7	11
Stranraer	8	2	0	2	6	8	1	0	3	3	8	9
Queen Park	8	1	0	3	3	7	1	1	2	2	5	7
Stenhsmuir	8	0	3	1	7	8	1	0	3	3	10	6
Peterhead	8	1	1	2	5	7	0	1	3	3	9	5

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 2

Berwick................1 **Clyde**................1
Thomson 44 Higgins 18
HT - Att 469

Cowdenbth................0 **Stirling A**................2
Layne 7
D Smith 63
HT 0-1 Att 342

Edinburgh City................3 **Arbroath**................3
Laird 10 Kader 8
See 53,74 Little 47
Scott 79
HT 1-1 Att 590

Elgin................0 **Annan Athletic**................2
Ramsay 3
McKenna 47 pen
HT 0-1 Att 583

Forfar................1 **Montrose**................3
Denholm 90 Fraser 43,66 pen
Templeman 48
HT 0-1 Att 740

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Forfar	8	3	0	1	12	9	4	0	0	8	4	21
Clyde	8	3	0	1	10	7	1	2	1	6	5	14
Elgin	8	1	0	3	3	5	3	0	1	11	5	12
Berwick	8	1	1	2	6	7	2	2	0	5	2	12
Annan Ath	8	2	1	1	8	7	1	2	1	5	5	12
Arbroath	8	1	3	0	7	5	1	2	1	7	7	11
Montrose	8	0	3	1	4	5	2	0	2	5	5	9
Stirling A	8	1	2	1	4	6	1	0	3	8	12	8
Cowdenbth	8	1	0	3	2	5	1	1	2	8	10	7
Edinburgh City	8	0	1	3	6	9	0	2	2	2	7	3

Vanarama National League

Boreham W................0 **Wrexham**................1
Rooney 57
HT 0-0

Chester FC................5 **Dover**................0
Hunt 51
Alabi 52
Durrell 79 pen
Mahon 85
Akintunde 90
HT 0-0

Dagenham................L **Tranmere**................L
HT L-L

Forest Grn................0 **Barrow**................0
HT 0-0

Gateshead................0 **Torquay**................0
HT 0-0

Lincoln City................3 **Braintree Town**................0
Arnold 3
Waterfall 52
Muldoon 89
HT 1-0

Macclesfld................1 **N Ferriby**................0
Whitaker 22 pen
HT 1-0

Maidstone Utd................2 **Solihull Moors**................4
Enver-Marum 20 Sterling-James 26
Sweeney 40 Asante 34 pen,38,64
HT 2-3

Southport................1 **Bromley**................2
Lussey 57 Cunnington 11
Higgs 24
HT 0-2

Sutton Utd................1 **Guiseley**................0
Brown 34 og
HT 1-0

Woking................3 **EASTLEIGH**................3
Tubbs 23 Coulson 7
Sam-Yorke 59 Dugdale 29
Kandi 79 Partington 45
HT 1-3 Att 1,403

York................0 **Aldershot**................1
Mensah 29
HT 0-1

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Dagenham	12	5	0	1	11	2	4	0	2	13	8	27
Forest Grn	13	4	3	0	11	4	4	0	2	11	7	27
Macclesfld	13	5	0	2	13	5	4	0	2	9	7	27
Lincoln City	13	4	1	2	18	6	4	0	2	8	6	25
Aldershot	13	5	1	0	11	1	2	3	2	7	8	25
Barrow	13	4	2	0	10	5	3	2	2	9	8	25
EASTLEIGH	**13**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**11**	**7**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**12**	**7**	**23**
Tranmere	12	5	0	1	10	4	2	2	2	5	5	23
Dover	13	4	0	2	13	10	3	1	3	7	11	22
Sutton Utd	13	5	0	2	9	5	1	1	4	5	10	19
Wrexham	13	3	3	0	4	1	2	1	4	6	14	19
Chester FC	13	5	0	2	17	5	0	3	3	4	10	18
Gateshead	13	3	3	1	11	3	2	0	4	9	11	18
Boreham W	13	2	2	3	5	5	2	4	0	10	5	18
Maidstone Utd	13	1	3	3	9	15	4	0	2	10	6	18
Solihull Moors	13	2	2	2	11	13	2	2	3	7	10	16
Torquay	13	3	1	2	9	7	1	1	5	4	11	14
Bromley	13	1	1	4	6	15	3	1	3	9	6	14
York	13	3	2	2	10	4	0	1	5	4	15	12
Woking	13	3	1	3	13	12	0	2	4	7	15	12
N Ferriby	13	2	1	3	4	6	1	0	6	2	15	10
Braintree Tn	13	1	1	4	6	16	1	2	4	4	9	9
Southport	13	1	2	4	6	13	1	1	4	4	16	9
Guiseley	13	0	2	4	5	12	0	1	6	6	13	3

FA Cup Third Qualifying Round

AFC Mansfield................L **Stamford**................L
Altrncham................L **Morpeth Town**................L
Beaconsfield................L **Felixstowe & Walton U**.L
Billericay................L **Chippenham**................L
Burgess Hill Town................L **Cadbury Heath**................L
Chesham................L **Staines Town**................L
Curzon Ashton................L **Bedworth**................L
Eastbourne Borough................L **Hadley**................L
Ebbsfleet United................L **Havant and W**................L
FC Halifax................L **Stalybrdge**................L
FC United of Manchester.L **Harrogate Town**................L
Farsley Celtic................L **Bishop A**................L
Faversham Town................L **Egham**................L
Halesowen................L **Nantwich T**................L
Harrow................L **Winchester City**................L
Hendon................L **AFC Rushden & D**................L
Hungerford Town................L **Leiston**................L
Ilkeston................L **Stourbrdge**................L
Kettering................L **Boston**................L
Kings Lynn Town................0 **Alfreton Town**................2
Lancaster City................L **Kiddrmnstr**................L
Lincoln Utd................L **Handsworth Parramore**.L
Margate................P **Hastings Utd**................P
Postponed - due to a waterlogged pitch.
Matlock Town................1 **Workington**................1
Merstham................L **Thamesmead**................L
North Leigh................L **Folkestone Invicta**................L
Potters Bar Town................L **Bath City**................L
Slough................L **Dartford**................L
Spennymoor Town................L **Chorley**................L
St Albans................L **Worthing**................L
Stockport County................L **Salford City**................L
Taunton................1 **Hampton & Richmond**..2
Tonbridge Angels................L **Hereford FC**................L
Wealdstone................L **Banbury**................L
Welling U................L **Swindon Supermarine**..L
Westfields................L **Walton Casuals**................L
Weymouth................L **Brimscombe & Thrupp**.L
Whitehawk................L **Merthyr Town**................L
Worcester................L **Brackley**................L

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
L	2	1	L	L	3●	1	L	3●	3●	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3●	1	1	L	1	1	1	1

26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
1	3●	1	1	1	3●	3●	1	2	1	1	3●	1	3●	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	3●	1	2

NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

FA CUP
Third qualifying round
Faversham 1 Egham 1
North Leigh 3 Folkestone Invicta1
Ebbsfleet 7 Havant & Waterlooville 0
Hungerford 1 Leiston 4
Potters Bar 0 Bath City 0
Hendon 3 AFC Rushden & Diamonds 0
Margate pp Hastings
Taunton 2 Hampton & Richmond 1
Weymouth 6 Brimscombe & Thrupp 0
St Albans 6 Worthing 0
Wealdstone 2 Banbury 1
Tonbridge Angels 4 Hereford 2
Beaconsfield SYCOB 3 Felixtowe & Walton 0
Whitehawk 2 Merthyr Town 0
Chesham 2 Staines 0
Burgess Hill 6 Cadbury Heath 1
Slough 2 Dartford 3
Billericay 3 Chippenham 2
Welling Utd 7 Swindon Supermarine 0
Eastbourne Borough 0 Hadley 0
Harrow Borough 2 Winchester City 1

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division
Biggleswade 2 Redditch 0
Cambridge City 0 Stratford 0
Cirencester 0 Hitchin 0
Dunstable 1 Basingstoke 3
Kings Langley 2 St Ives 1
Leamington 6 Cinderford 0
Division One South & West
AFC Totton 1 Yate 1
Bideford 1 Shortwood 3
Bishops Cleeve 1 Didcot 1
Bridgwater 2 Wimborne 2
Larkhall 2 Slimbridge 0
Mangotsfield 2 Paulton Rovers 1
Wantage 0 Tiverton 3

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division
AFC Portchester 2 Amesbury 1
Andover Town 2 Brockenhurst 2
Blackfield & Langley 0 Sholing 0
Bournemouth Poppies A-A Alresford Town
Cowes Sports 1 Portland 5
Fareham Town 0 Bashley 0
Fawley 1 Team Solent 4
Horndean 2 Lymington Town 1
Moneyfields 2 Bemerton HH 3
Verwood 0 Newport IoW 0
Whitchurch 2 Hamworthy Utd 2
Division One
AFC Stoneham 3 US Portsmouth 2
Baffins MR 2 Romsey Town 4
Christchurch 3 Totton & Eling 1
East Cowes Vics 0 Alton 1
Fleet Spurs 5 Folland Sports 2
Hamble Club 4 Andover NS 0
Hythe & Dibden 1 Downton 0
Ringwood 8 Pewsey Vale 2
Shaftesbury 0 New Milton 1
Tadley Calleva 2 Weymouth 0

HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP
First round
AFC Botley 3 Wey Valley 7
AFC Gulf Western 2 Comrades 1
Andover Lions 2 Sholing Res 0
Bashley Res 2 Lyndhurst 2 (pens 4-3)
Bembridge A-W Sway
Bisterne United 7 Liss Athletic 6
Bosham 0 Tadley Calleva 6
Bournemouth Spts Res 2 AFC Stoneham 4
Bush Hill H-W Brighstone
Braishfield 4 Bishops Waltham Dyn 3
Colden Common 3 Yateley United 1
Fleetlands 2 Michelmersh & Timsbury 0
Hartley Wintney A 7 Fawley 3
Headley United 1 Four Marks 3
Headley United Res 0 Netley CS 8
Hedge End Rangers 1 QK Southampton 5
H End Town 1 Eversley & Californis Res 4
Infinity 2 Clanfield 4
Liphook Utd H-W Newport IoW Res
Locks Heath H-W Liss Athletic Res
Lymington Town 2 Binstead & COB 4
Overton 2 Wymering 1
Petersfield Town 3 Alton A 0
Ropley 1 Winchester Castle 4
SW Swifts 1 BTC Southampton 1 (pens 4-2)
Team Solent Res 2 Hayling United 1
US Portsmouth 8 Warsash Wasps 2
Widbrook United 3 AFC Petersfield Res 5
Whitecroft & Barton 5 Nursling 1
Winchester Castle Res 4 Bush Hill Res 2

PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
Premier Division
Stockbridge 1 Paulsgrove 7
Combination Division
Hayling United 2 Overton 1
Michelmersh & T 0 Fourmarks 7
Paulsgrove 2 Hedge End Rangers 0
QK Southampton 0 Liphook 3

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One West
Brockenhurst 0 Bournemouth 5
Laverstock & Ford 4 Hythe & Dibden 1
Totton & Eling pp Downton

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Chamberlayne AFC 1 Durley 0
Senior 1
Comrades Res 0 Athletico Romsey 2

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